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YEO FORGERY TRIAL.

CLOSE QUESTIONING OF MR. MESSER.

ASSURED BY MR. JENKIN THAT NO TRAPS PREPARED.

WAS DEFENCE FISHING?

Verbal sparring between Mr. C. McI. Messer, the Colonial Treasurer, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, defending in the Carvalho Yeo forgery trial, provided the feature of this morning's hearing. The cross-examination of Mr. Messer lasted until the fifth adjournment and is likely to go on all day.

Early on, Mr. Messer was closely questioned regarding the signatures on the cheques, with especial reference to the disclosure of the defence when the case was before the Police Magistrate. Mr. Jenkin suggested that the conduct of the case had undergone a change, to which Mr. Messer replied: "I am not responsible for the conduct of the case."

On one occasion Mr. Jenkin repeated a question three times before gaining a satisfactory answer, remarking that the legal mind might work differently from the Governmental or commercial mind.

TREASURER'S ONE AND ONLY NOTE.

At the resumption of the case today Mr. Potter produced samples showing the manner in which cancelled cheques were pasted to the counterfoils.

The cross-examination of the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer was then proceeded with. Witness agreed he had concentrated a certain amount of attention on the occurrence. He had focussed a great deal of interest upon those phases which had come to his knowledge. From time to time he had made enquiries as to what was happening elsewhere. He was aware that at the police court Mr. Black and Tsang On-wing were cross-examined at length on their signatures and also on his (witness's) signature but he did not pay much attention to it.

You did not have any doubt at that time that the case for the defence was that your signature was a genuine signature and not forged?—There were a lot of suggestions as to what the defence might be.

"Fishing."

Asked what he thought the signature questions were for, other than to show that the signatures were genuine, witness replied he took it that no defence was disclosed.

Do you say that you had no idea as to the purpose of those questions?—It was what I might call "fishing."

Mr. Jenkin commented that that was a legal phrase, and Mr. Messer replied, with a smile, that it might be another sort of phrase as well. He thought the questions were asked to see where they were. Presumably, witness said he supposed it was necessary in such a case to prove forgery.

Mr. Jenkin then pointed out that at the police court Mr. Black and Tsang were asked nothing about the signatures in their evidence-in-chief but that such evidence was brought out in cross-examination. However, when witness gave evidence there was a marked change. He sought to show that his signature was a forgery in his evidence-in-chief. Mr. Jenkin suggested that there had been a change in the conduct of the case.

Mr. Messer:—I am not responsible for the conduct of the case.

Wanted to Test.

After another question on the same subject Mr. Jenkin remarked "Mr. Messer, don't place me in too difficult a position. I suggest that the examination of the cheques at the Treasury, in which you took some part, was made because it was known the issue would be whether the signatures were genuine or forged?"—Well, I certainly knew that they wanted to test various things about the signatures.

Yes or no. You must have formed some opinion about it?—Certainly.

Witness added that before the fraud came to light he placed implicit trust in Tsang On-wing and his trust had not been shaken in the least. He did not take any steps himself to see that the

routine with regard to a check on Tsang as to whether or not he used every cheque legitimately, witness replied that they were audited. Tsang On-wing and Chung Man-kun were the only people in the department who would examine the cheque book. Like Mr. Black, he thought that Government blank cheques needed the utmost safeguarding.

Witness was handed one of the Exhibit cheque books and agreed that he signed a receipt for 600 cheques. He did not see the book at the time. The receipt was sent in by Tsang whom he trusted. Witness believed that he was acknowledging the receipt of 600 cheques.

Asked if he would expect Tsang to report missing cheques and alteration of numbers, witness replied that it was almost impossible to say as he did not know the mentality of the man.

I put it to you that no stronger circumstances could hardly be conceived to necessitate an immediate report either to Mr. Black or yourself?—It is very hard to say.

Man's Mentality.

Mr. Messer said his experience of clerks showed that they were not all smart. Sometimes they might report and sometimes they might not. It all depended on a man's mentality.

Remembering that he was forced to put the question, Mr. Jenkin asked:—What amount of tampering with that cheque book would have to take place before you would regard it as Tsang's duty to report it?—If the cheques obviously had been taken out.

Mr. Messer added that even he could not be sure that cheques had been taken out of the book by looking at it. There was no definite proof that the book had been rebound. He admitted however that he would have made enquiries and would have done everything he could to clear up apparently suspicious circumstances.

Mr. Jenkin asked if witness did not consider it the bounden duty of Tsang to have shown him (Mr. Messer) the cheque book "if" which was then lying within arm's reach of him.

Witness replied that there was a misunderstanding.

Answering a further question witness said that on January 18, just after Tiffin, Tsang went to him and asked him if he had any other accounts. That must have been before Mr. Black and Chung went to the Bank. Witness said he saw the Bank's chit when it came back, but added that he did not see the Bank's numbers on the chit.

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SHANGHAI OPIUM SCANDAL.

STRUGGLE OF CIVIL & MILITARY.

NANKING LEADERS NOW MOST INDIGNANT.

GOVERNMENT ACTION.

Shanghai, Nov. 27.

The illicit opium trafficking scandal of startling dimensions involving charges and counter-charges between the Chinese Municipal Police and the military authorities, arising out of the seizure of a big consignment of the drug on the China Merchants steamer, Kiangnan, is believed to be a trial of strength between the civil authorities in the Municipality and the Garrison Commander.

Each appears to be striving for the possession of the opium, which is of considerable value. Public organisations are most indignant.

General Ho Ying-ching, Chief of the Nationalist Political Training Department, has arrived here for the purpose of personally investigating the affair.—Our Own Correspondent.

Unfortunate Affair.

Nanking, Nov. 26.

Much indignation was caused among Government leaders when the first news of the Shanghai opium scandal reached here. The popular opinion is that such an occurrence at present, when the National Government has definitely announced her intention to suppress the opium evil all over China, is most unfortunate.

It is proposed that the proposed enquiry should be in hand of the Central Government, and that the Municipal, Police and Garrison officials in Shanghai should leave the matter alone.

Overnight Shanghai cables state that Government circles are expecting sensational developments, and at a meeting of all Kuomintang District Departments yesterday it was decided to urge the Central Government to immediately dissolve the Shanghai Garrison.

Seamen Dismissed.

As the opium is alleged to have been first discovered in one of the China Merchants' steamers on the Yangtze run, the officials of the Company have adopted most drastic measures in punishing those employed on the steamer who are suspected of being accomplices in the scandal. Many of the seamen have been instantly dismissed.

The recriminations between the Chinese Police and Municipality on the one side and the Garrison Officers on the other continue. The former challenge the Garrison Headquarters for endeavouring to exclude all news of the scandal from Chinese newspapers and have asked for an explanation.

General Hsiung Shih-huei, Commander of the Garrison, has made public statements emphatically denying that his soldiers have had anything to do with the smuggling.

GRUESOME STORY OF KIDNAPPING.

A gruesome story was related at the Central Police Court this morning when the Crown applied for the extradition of a Chinese on charges of kidnapping and holding for ransom the two young sons of a wealthy money-changer at Canton.

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"DOOMED" VESSEL NOW SAFE.

CURIOUS STORY OF THE S.S. GARM.

"SAGUNTO" DISASTER.

Amsterdam, Nov. 26.

It is believed that the entire crew of the steamer "Sagunto" which was wrecked to the south of Ymuiden after a terrific fight against the gale, have been drowned. A lifeboat went out to the rescue of the unfortunate men, but the vessel capsized before it could make appreciable headway against the violent seas. The lifeboat crew were brought safely ashore.

The papers are full of stirring details of the heroic activities of the Dutch lifeboatmen in rescuing distressed crews during the week-end.

A remarkable escape is related by the skipper of the Swedish steamer "Garm" which was towed safely to Terschelling today. The vessel was in a perilous state but got through gallantly. It will be remembered that the vessel was regarded as doomed, although the master refused to give his men permission to leave the ship.

London, Nov. 26.

The gale has considerably abated, and the sun was shining around London in the early morning, but a renewal of storms is forecasted.

The cross-Channel services from Southampton are being maintained, but Ostend, Calais, Boulogne and Dieppe are unapproachable.

The Croydon-Paris air service has been resumed.

A Hook of Holland message says three lifeboatmen were drowned when attempting to rescue the crew of the Norwegian steamer Christian Michelsen, which went ashore near there.—Reuter.

A BRITISH BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

KID PATTENDEN RETAINS TITLE.

London, Nov. 26.

At the National Sporting Club, Kid Pattenden (holder) met young Johnny Brown in a twenty-round contest for the British Bantam Weight Championship.

Pattenden secured the victory, Brown's seconds throwing in the towel in the twelfth round.—Reuter.

BOMBAY COTTON MILL STRIKE.

STAFF ASSAULTED WITH STICKS AND STONES.

Bombay, Nov. 26.

Six thousand hands from four cotton mills have struck work, alleging that their wages have been reduced.

The strikers assaulted three members of the superior staff in one mill with sticks and stones. Armed police have been rushed into the area to prevent further trouble.—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

HUGE SUM PAID FOR A SEAT.

New York, Nov. 26.

A seat on the Stock Exchange has been sold for \$575,000, which is a new record.

Ten years ago, \$500,000 was paid for a seat.—Reuter's American Service.

MR. HERBERT HOOVER.

FIRST VISIT ON LATIN AMERICA MISSION.

New York, Nov. 26.

The United States battleship "Maryland" with Mr. Herbert Hoover, the President-Elect of America on board, arrived today at Amapala, Honduras.

This is his first visit on his Latin-American mission.—Reuter's American Service.

TYPHOON HAVOC IN PHILIPPINES.

SIX PROVINCES GET DEVASTATED.

ONE OF WORST BLOWS SINCE U. S. OCCUPATION.

SAKA MARU GROUNDS.

Manila, Nov. 27.

Governor-General Stimson has cabled to Washington to the effect that the Philippines suffered most severely in last week's typhoon, which was one of the most destructive hurricanes since the American occupation of the islands.

The worst damage was done in the six provinces of Samar, Masbate, Sorsogon, Albay, Mindoro and Romblon.

In Albay Province, all the coconut trees were destroyed as well as most of the hemp plants.

The death-roll is probably between fifty and a hundred.

The United States cruisers Milwaukee and Memphis are now in the stricken region investigating the need of relief measures.—Reuter.

Raging For Two Days.

"The most destructive typhoon this year" was how Father Coronas, of the Manila Observatory, on Saturday referred to the terrific hurricane which had been raging for two days in various parts of the Philippines. It was first announced in a state of formation on Tuesday of last week off the southern coast of Guam and it then proceeded due west to the San Bernardino Strait, where it got to full strength and began its destructive ravages on the coasts of Sorsogon and Samar. Several of the provinces lost communication with Manila on Friday.

All day long on Friday, through the co-operation of the Radio Corporation, the Red Cross attempted to get into touch with Cebu, Samar, Leyte, Sorsogon and Albay, without effect.

Earlier messages had shown that the radio station at Cebu was threatened and shortly afterwards, communication ceased, indicating that heavy damage had been done.

Japanese Ship Ashore.

Of the shipping casualties suffered in the typhoon, the worst so far reported is that of the S.S. Saka Maru, belonging to the Saka Steamship Co., under charter to Madrigal and Co., of Manila to carry coal from Murokan to Cebu.

This vessel went aground at three o'clock on Friday morning off the eastern coast of Masbate and was reported in a precarious position, with her engine-room half-filled with water. She sent out S.O.S. messages urgently asking for assistance.

At 1 p.m. on Friday a message was received in Manila stating that the S.S. Steel Navigator had arrived at the scene of the grounding but that she could not give assistance on account of the typhoon. The last message was received at 8 p.m. from the master of the ship, stating that the vessel was taking in water and that she was in a precarious position.

Earlier in the afternoon, the commandant of the Cavite Navy Yard dispatched the light cruiser Memphis to the assistance of the distressed ship.

Over 40 Men Aboard.

The officer and the members of the crew probably number about 45 men. Other than those, there are no passengers on board the ship.

Dispatches received on Friday stated that the boat ran aground about 50 yards from the shore.

Up to a late hour on Friday night, the Radio Corporation had received no further message. This was interpreted to mean that darkness prevented both the cruiser Memphis and the Steel Navigator from giving assistance and that the ship was still holding out.

Whirl under the Influence of Drink.

Whilst under the influence of drink, a coolie fell twenty feet from the top of a retaining wall in Stubbs Road to the pavement. The man was removed to hospital at 4.50 p.m. and died at midnight.

BRIBERY SCANDAL IN LONDON.

POLICE-SERGEANT APPEARS AT BOW STREET.

HUGE SUMS INVOLVED.

London, Nov. 26.

As a sequel to an official investigation during the past few weeks into the leakage of police secrets in London, and allegations of corrupt practices by the proprietors of night-clubs, who were said to have received advance information of intended police raids, Station-Sergeant Goddard, of the Vine Street Police Station, with a record of 25 years service, who was dismissed from the Force on October 29th, has now been arrested and charged.

He failed to account to a Police "Court-martial" at Scotland Yard for large sums of money received from an unknown source.

To-day he faced a charge at Bow Street of unlawfully and corruptly accepting a gift of £60 from Mr. Ribuffi, the assistant manager of Uncle's Club in Albemarle Street.

A remand was ordered and bail refused.

In the House of Commons recently, Sir William Joynson-Hicks stated that £12,000 was found in the possession of a certain police sergeant, obtained, to a startling extent, from aliens running night-clubs.—Reuter.

Official enquiries into alleged cases of bribery are stated to be still in progress, and it is said that several police officers have been asked to account for money which has come into their possession.

A.P.C. MOTOR BOAT FIRED AT.

ON TRIP FROM HONGKONG TO MACAO.

RETURNS TO PORT.

The coxswain of a motor cargo boat belonging to the Asiatic Petroleum Company has made a report to the police to the effect that he was attacked by pirates whilst on a journey from Hongkong to Macao on Sunday.

According to his statement, he was carrying a cargo of nine hundred cases of kerosene. At a point near Yam O, in British waters, two fishing craft sailed towards him from the direction of Yam O.

Collision at Forty Miles an Hour.

When the fishing boats were about eighty feet away from him, they opened fire at his boat, three shots being fired from rifles.

The coxswain immediately turned his boat round and returned to Hongkong, reaching here at 12.30 a.m. on Monday. The attack took place at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday.

Indian Driver to Pay, in All, \$75.

An Indian public-car driver summoned by Sergeant Kelly before Major C. Wilson at the Central Police Court this morning, was stated to have been driving at the rate of 40 miles an hour, on the 14th instant. He collided with a car left by Mr. A. G. Eversott, outside the new Saffors and Soldiers Home at the Praya East, and damaged it to the extent of \$53.

His Worship in recording a conviction imposed a fine of \$25 and the payment of \$50 as compensation.

Amazing Jail-Break in Shanghai.

Ten Prisoners Burrow a Brick Wall.

Shanghai, Nov. 27.

Ten prisoners made a startling escape from Bubbling Well Police Station during the night by burrowing a passage through a brick wall.

The Police are now combing the city for the fugitives and are confident that they will effect a recapture.—Our Own Correspondent.

DISQUIETING NEWS OF THE KING.

DOCTORS' FREQUENT ATTENDANCE.

LATE VISIT LAST NIGHT AFTER UNCOMFORTABLE DAY.

THE PUBLIC ANXIETY.

London, Nov. 27.

Public anxiety with regard to the King's illness has been deepened by the news that both doctors, according to a previous arrangement, returned to Buckingham Palace at 10.15 p.m. last night, and remained until 11.30 p.m. No bulletin has been issued as the result of this late visit.

The last message issued by Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Hewett an hour before stated:

"The King has not had a comfortable day. His Majesty's temperature has risen to 101.4, but the pleurisy has not extended and his strength is still maintained."—Reuter.

Later.

Unpleasantness with regard to the King is reflected in the headings of this morning's newspapers referring to His Majesty's "Unsatisfactory Condition" last night.

It is pointed out that so far he has made no progress towards recovery, that the original infection persists, and that the illness is serious.

The more hopeful feature of the situation is that no alteration in the Prince of Wales' travel plans has yet been ordered.—Reuter.

Public Concern.

London, Nov. 26.

The King's illness has evoked the greatest sympathy and concern among his subjects and these were expressed in a striking manner when this morning's bulletin was posted outside the gates of the Palace for the first time. It was typewritten and placed in a frame and stated: "The King spent a restless night. Variability in the fever and a spread of the pleurisy must be expected at this stage of the illness."

A great crowd composed of all ranks of society pressed forward anxious to read the latest news of His Majesty's condition, and regulated by the Police they passed by the bulletin in a continuous stream for hour after hour all day long.

Disquieting Feature.

The mention of the spread of the pleurisy was regarded by the public as the most disquieting feature, but medical specialists have pointed out that a certain ebb and flow of the illness is only natural and should not create undue alarm.

One well-known physician, interviewed by Reuter, said that the spread of the pleurisy and the fluctuations in temperature are in keeping with the natural progress of the disease.

The ceremony of the changing of the Guard was carried out as usual, and the Band of the Coldstream Guards played cheerful selections.

No Visitors in Morning.

It is regarded as significant that the King's doctors visited the Palace an hour earlier than usual, and that no visitors were allowed in His Majesty's bedroom during the morning in view of his restless night.

The Duke of York was permitted to see the King after lunch.

The Queen, Princess Mary and the Duchess of York drove out this afternoon, and there was an atmosphere of confidence in the the Royal Household during the afternoon that the bulletin to be issued to-night would be more reassuring.

Anxious Crowds in Cold.

Bitter cold did not prevent a large crowd of all classes including many women richly dressed in furs from awaiting for hours outside Buckingham Palace this evening for the posting of the official bulletin.

Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Hewett left the Palace at nine o'clock and the bulletin was posted at 9.30 p.m. reporting the uncomfortable day spent by His Majesty and that his temperature had risen.

The anxious crowd pressed forward hopefully, but murmurs of disappointment rose when it was found that the notice did not contain better news.—Reuter.

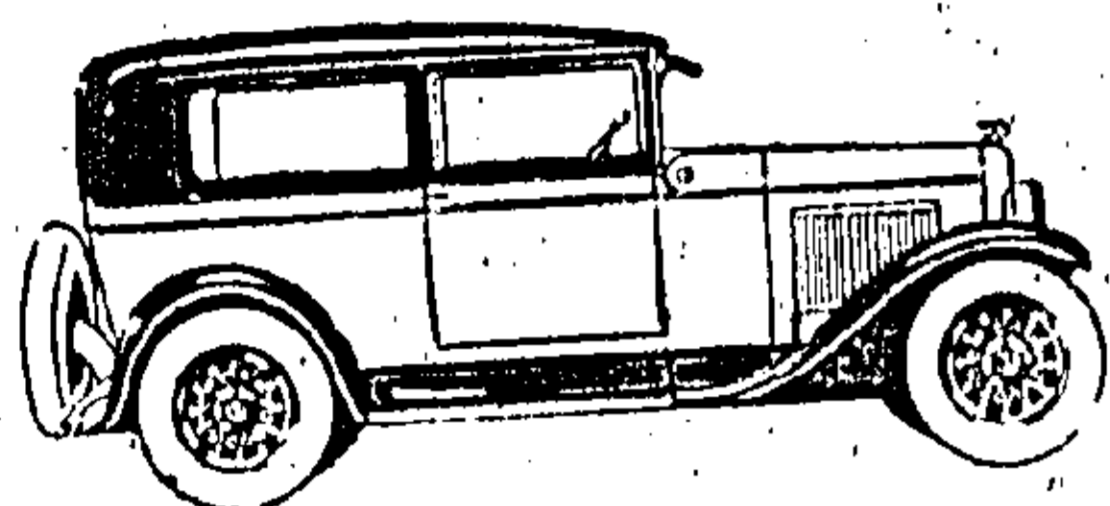
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SURVEY OF SEA AND RIVER
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[By R. Vaughan-Fowler.]

It will be remembered that General Cheung Wai-jung, Chief of the Canton Aviation Bureau, left Canton on the 11th inst. flying a Ryan seaplane, to carry out an aerial survey of the air routes of China.

Last week the sister machine to the Ryan arrived in Canton. She is fitted with floats, but otherwise is exactly the same as the machine General Cheung is flying.

General Chan Hing-wan, Commander of the Forts, who is administering the Aviation Bureau, is drawing up plans to fly the Ryan seaplane on an aerial survey of the sea and river air routes of China.

The preliminary plans include a flight from Canton to the following places: Foochow, Shanghai, Chefoo, Nowchang, Tientsin, Nan-king, Ankang, Nanchang, Hangchow, Changsha and Canton.

General Chan will have one pilot and one mechanic with him, and he hopes to complete the flight in ten to fourteen days, but of course, he says, if the pressure of work of investigating local conditions at each landing place is too heavy, he may have to extend his stopping times.

14 Years a Pilot.

Early in 1914, General Chan went to England to learn to fly; he joined the Beatty Flying School at Hendon, and was there when the war broke out. At that time his training was all but complete, and Colonel Beatty said that he could only complete the course if he would agree to go to France with the Flying Corps.

This it was obviously impossible for General Chan to do, as he had learnt to fly with the express object of making an early return to China and assisting in the development of flying in his own country. Reluctantly he had to stop flying at Hendon, and so as not to delay, he went to America, where he quickly finished his training.

At present it is not decided who will be the other pilot on this flight, but it is possible, if work permits, that Colonel Chow Po Hing, who commands the Training School at Tai Sha Tau, will be selected.

The Ryan seaplane should be ready in a few days for test, and as soon as these have been satisfactorily completed, the flight will commence, it not being proposed to await the return of General Cheung from the North.

Peking, Nov. 26.

General Cheung Wei-chung yesterday took Pei Chung-hsi up for a flight, and this morning hopped off for Mukden.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

PEKING CATHOLIC HEAD.

Paris, Nov. 26.
A Moscow message states that Monsignor Fabreque, the Vicar Apostolic to Peking, has died suddenly on the Trans-Siberian Railway.—Havas.

Mrs. T. V. Ribeiro.

An old and respected member of the Portuguese community passed away yesterday in the person of Mrs. Theodolina Vicencia Ribeiro, at No. 7 Gordon Terrace, Kowloon. Deceased, who was 64 years of age, was born at Macao. Much sympathy will be extended to her only son, Mr. L. G. Ribeiro, export manager of Messrs. J. M. Rocha & Co., in his sad bereavement. The funeral will take place to-day, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

THE CARVALHO YEO TRIAL.

MR. MESSEUR GIVES HIS EVIDENCE.

The Carvalho Yeo trial continued at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Jackson and a special jury. Tsang On-wing, cash book clerk at the Treasury, was further cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, who suggested that the signatures on the cheques were the genuine signatures of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black, and that they were obtained with Tsang's knowledge.

This was denied by the witness. Mr. Black was recalled and asked: Would it be true to suggest that you have signed a cheque in blank at the Treasury?

Mr. Black: Not a shred of truth. In answer to other questions he said that no payment could be made without a voucher and that before cheques were signed they were certified and the correctness of the payee, etc., checked.

Mr. Messer Gives Evidence.

The Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer was then called and said he had been Colonial Treasurer since 1918. Asked when the shortage of 30 cheques was discovered he said that it was found on the afternoon of January 18. He recalled a statement made to him by Tsang On-wing previously, to the effect that the wrong number of cheques had been received from the Bank. Tsang said they had sent 400 instead of 200 and also mentioned the shortage of 60 cheques. Witness inferred that he needed 60 more cheques and told Tsang that the Bank supplied the paper and that the Treasury did not.

Handed the cheques alleged to be forged, witness said he was positive that he had not signed them and proceeded to point out differences between the signature purporting to be his and his own.

Asked if he had ever signed a cheque in favour of the firms given as payees on the three cheques, Mr. Messer said that in October last year he signed a cheque in favour of Man Lee. That was for \$50, being the return of deposit money paid in connection with a tender for stores which was not accepted. With that exception he had never signed a cheque in favour of the firms named on the cheques.

How Cheques Are Signed.

He was chairman of the Government Contract Board and was familiar with the tenders accepted and contracts made for public works and other purposes. The Government had never made payments to any of the three firms with the exception of the \$50 to Man Lee.

Mr. Potter: Have you quite a vivid recollection of Katz and Co.? You were C. S. P. during the War and I believe the name came before you very prominently. Would it be possible for you as Treasurer to sign a cheque to them?—Of course it might be possible but . . . (witness indicated that it would be a highly remote possibility).

Cheques are presented to you for signature and they are always accompanied by vouchers?—Yes, there is no exception.

Before you sign a cheque do you always check the name of the payee, the totals and the amount?—Yes.

Could it be possible to sign cheques one on top of the other so that you might not know what you are signing?—No.

Mr. Potter remarked that they had to try and find some theory.

At the End of the Year.

Do you relax your vigilance at the end of the year or otherwise?—Otherwise. There are two main reasons. One because we must keep in funds. We cannot overdraw without the permission of His Excellency. In addition we have to watch that accounts are not presented which are payable at some other time.

Would it be correct to say that you are especially on the look out

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GENERAL BOOTH.

A RESTLESS NIGHT REPORTED.

London, Nov. 26.
General Booth passed a restless night.—Reuter.

for large cheques?—We especially notice them.

Mr. Potter (producing the three cheques).—Is it usual for you to produce three signatures with such regularity as these?—They are all three alike and all very neat. One of my first remarks was that I must have had a steady hand. Another thing is that the body of the cheque is an imitation of the clerk's writing.

Are you prepared to say it is not the clerk's writing?—To me it is obviously not his. This has been my view since I first saw them.

Cross-examination To-day.

Mr. Messer proceeded to point out the differences in his signature, saying that the position was unusual and that the line underneath was practically on the dotted line. He never tried to write the stroke on the dotted line. The bottom of the "M" was unusual in that it was not rounded. Questioned with regard to the changes in Treasury procedure, Mr. Messer said they were not made because Tsang On-wing was mistrusted but because they gave clearer evidence of cheques and safer custody of cheque books, etc.

Mr. Potter's final question was whether witness had ever signed a cheque in blank, witness replying that he had not done so. This concluded the examination in chief and after Mr. Jenkin had made the remarks quoted above the Court adjourned until this morning when Mr. Messer was cross-examined.

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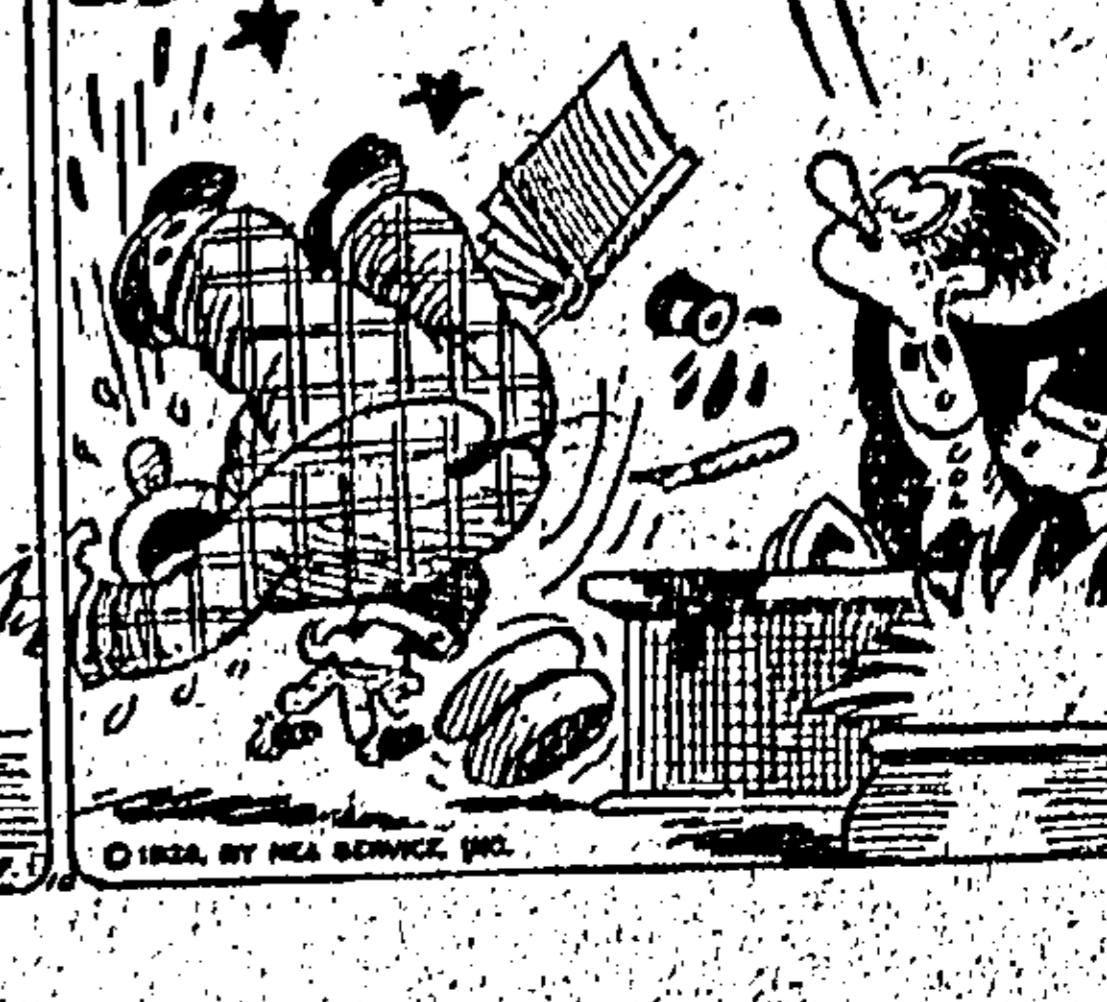
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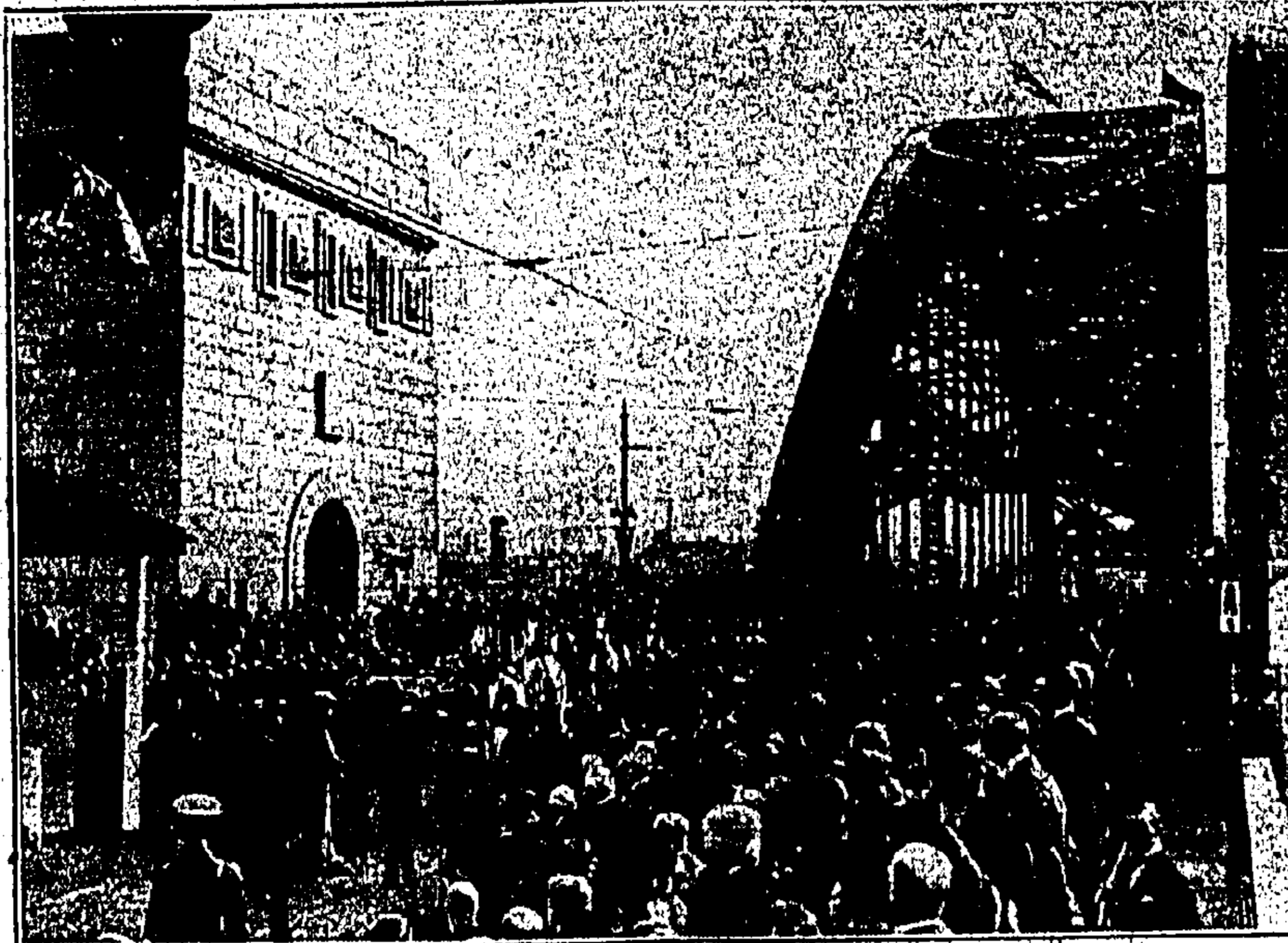


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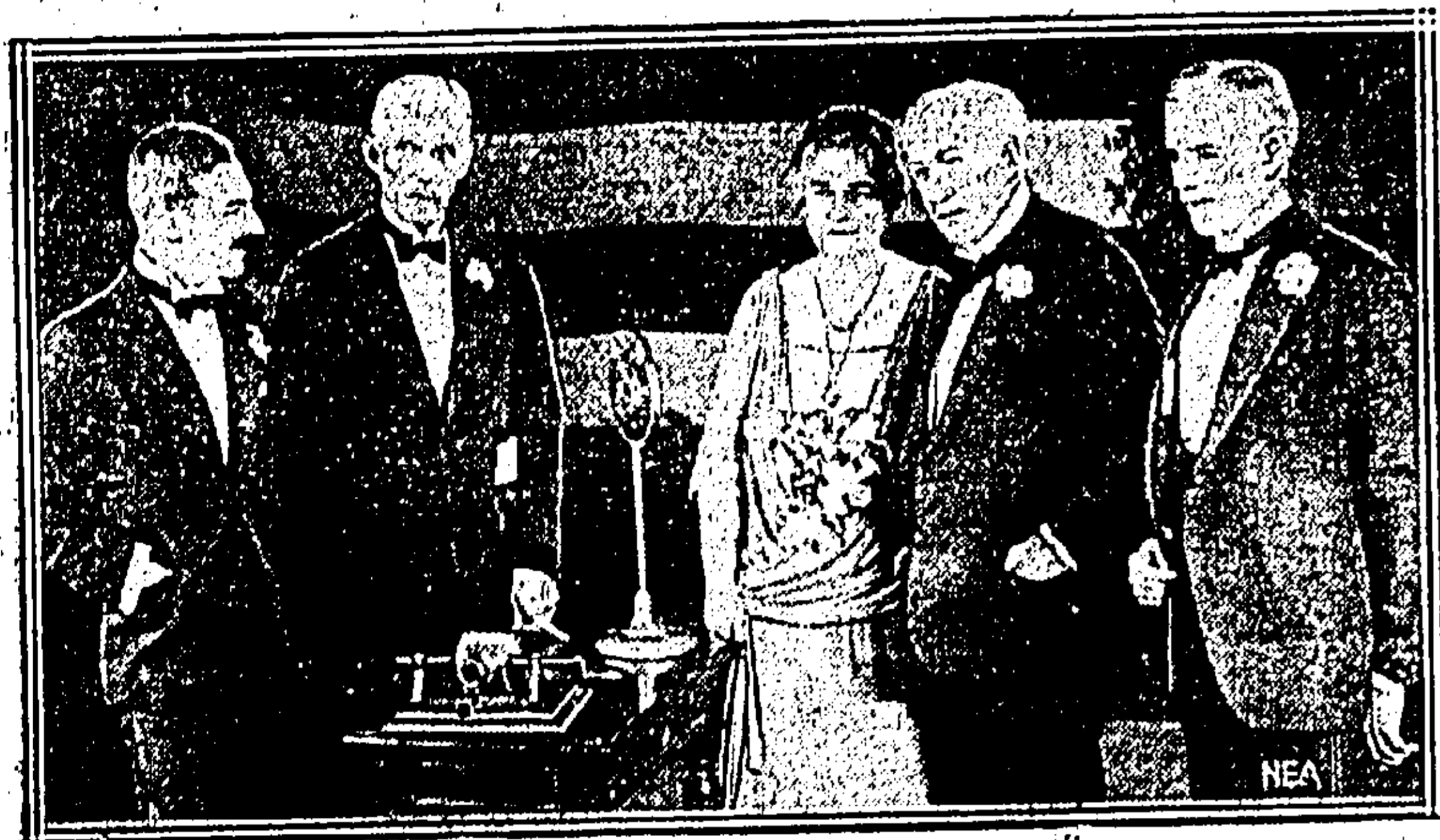
By Small



A demonstration of balloon jumping by Mr. C. G. Vickers, V. C. The jumper was equipped with a long pole to get his spring from the ground (Times copyright).



Our picture, taken when the King and Queen opened the new Tyne Bridge, shows Their Majesties about to enter their carriage to cross the bridge. (Times copyright).



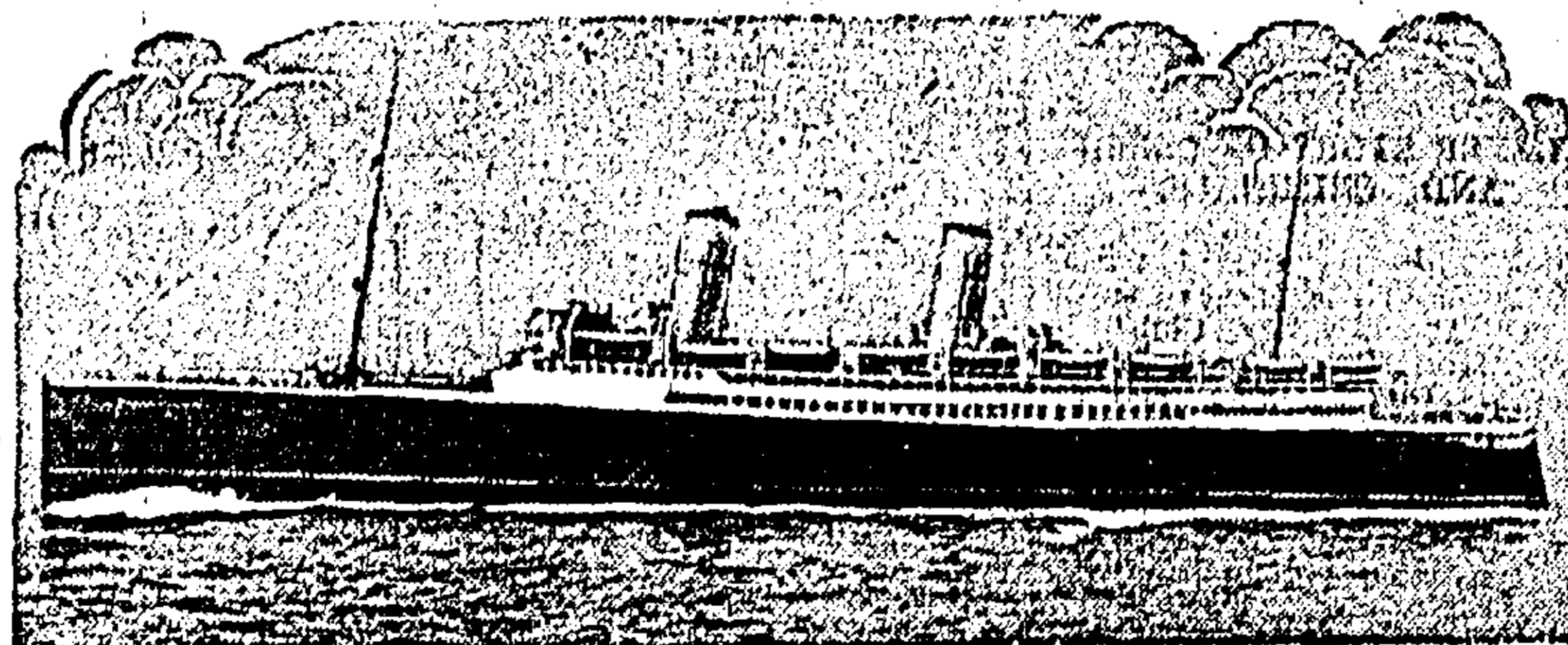
Mr. Thomas Edison (second from right) being presented a special Congressional Medal in recognition of his world services as an inventor. On the desk is the first photograph, from the British Museum.



The wreck of an American air-mail machine. The pilot was killed.



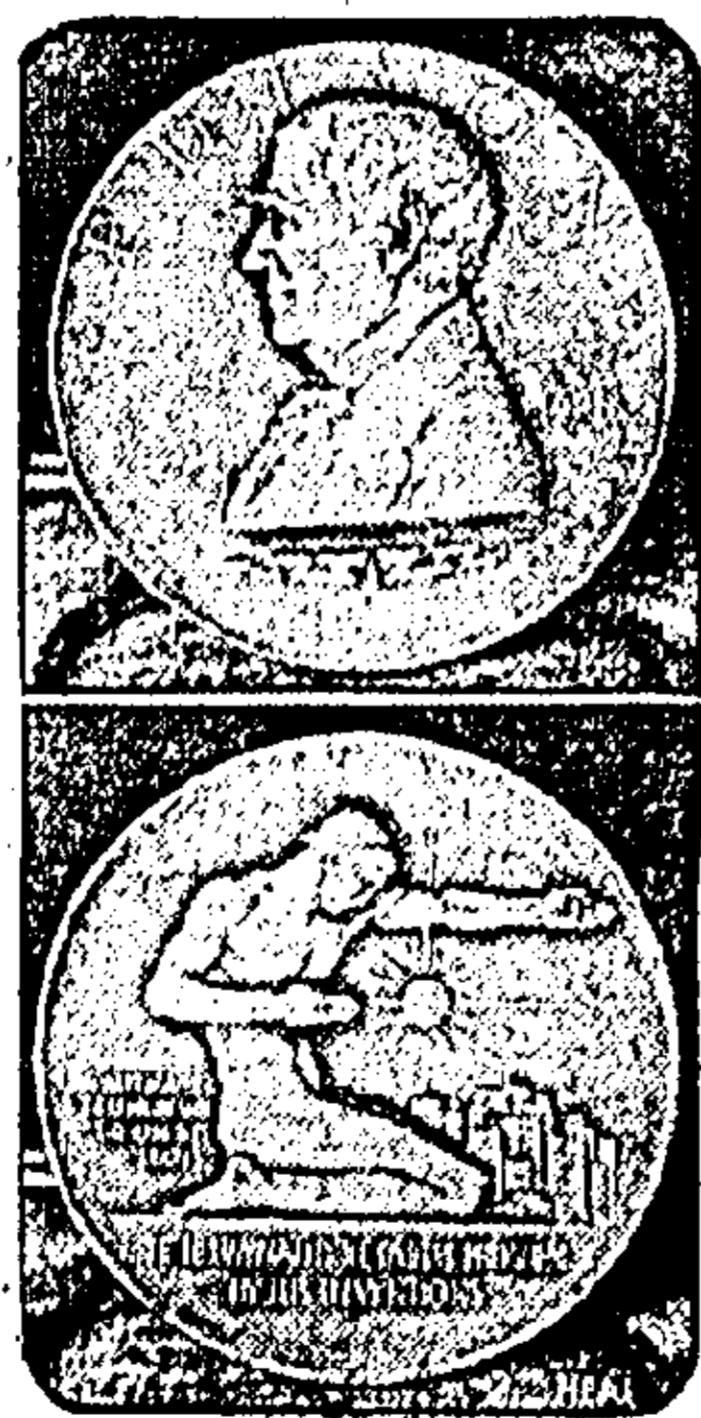
A party of Shanghai officials taken at the Armistice Day celebrations in the French Concession.



The R. M. S. Empress of France, which has just made her first visit to Hongkong.



Chinese constable in the French Police honoured for bravery in arresting armed bandits.



The special medal struck in honour of Thomas Edison.

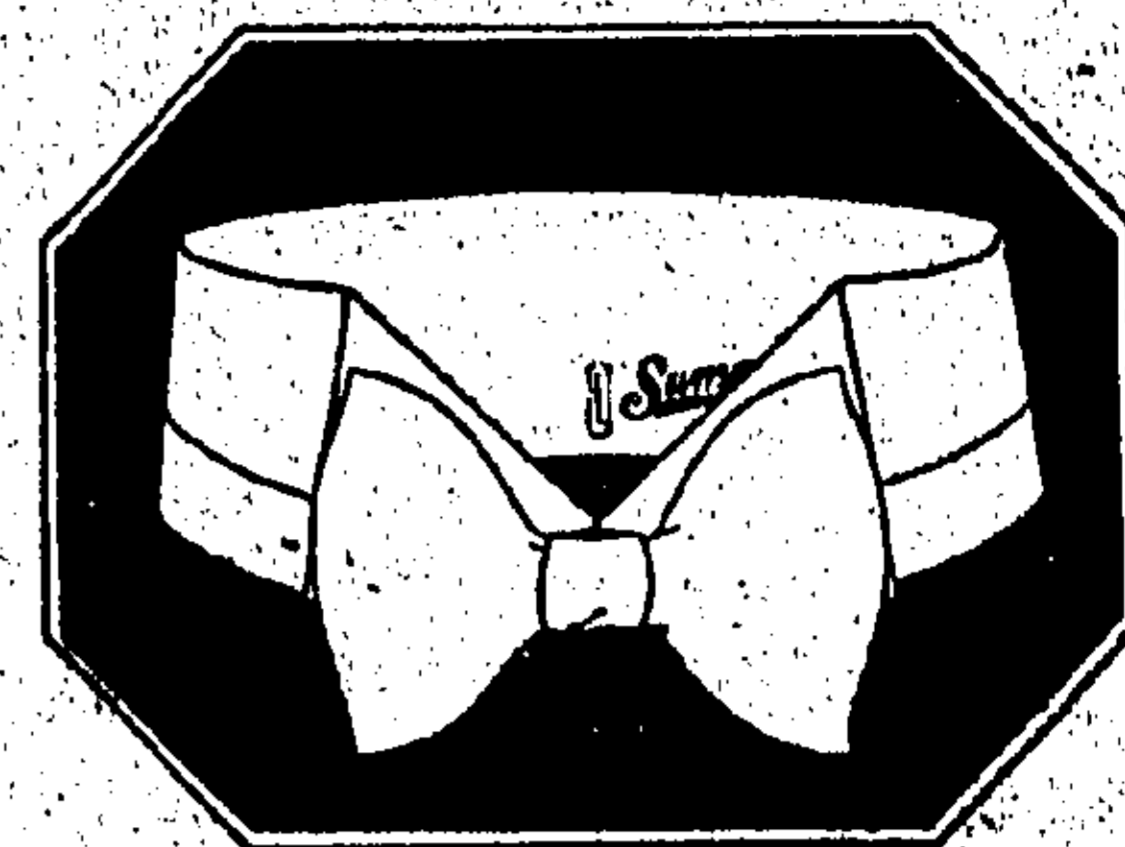


Constable Mercier, and Mr. G. Xavier were both decorated during the French Armistice Day celebrations. The ceremony was performed by Admiral Strollis, who presented the former with the Medaille Militaire and the latter with the Legion d'Honneur.



Bertie Wade, the Tattooed Lady of the Manila Shows which are coming to Hongkong shortly.

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December 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 21st and 22nd
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Matinee-Wednesday
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THE HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

SECOND TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

Saturday, 1st December,
at 9.15 p.m.

THE THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS.

10 Round Lightweight Contest.
L. S. Hall, H.M.S. "Titania."

10 Round Welterweight Contest.
Marine Fraser, H.M.S. "Tamar."

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Five Six Round Contests.

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Members—Wednesday and Thursday, 28th and 29th November.

General Public—Friday and Saturday, 30th November and 1st December.

USUAL PRICES.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Eighth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 1st December, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linthead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 30th November, 1928.

The charge for admission for ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the secretary, badges for admission of 2 ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

N.B.—Attention is drawn to a change in routine at above meeting. Horses entered for races will not bear distinctive numbers in the Race Book as heretofore, but starters as they are weighed out will be numbered consecutively and such numbers exhibited on the Board. All horses starting in a race will display a saddle cloth bearing a number corresponding to the horse's Board number and such number will also apply to Pari Mutuel and Cash Sweep tickets.

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Full particulars from catalogue) On view from Friday, the 30th November, 1928.

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"THE MYSTERY CHIEF"

CLEVER STORY OF CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

To-day's attraction at the Star Theatre is an excellent comedy drama "The Mystery Club" in which Matt Moore and Edith Roberts are the leading players.

The story has an unusual turn of plot and concerns the adventures of individual numbers of a millionaires' club who wager that each can commit a crime without being detected by the police. When a real crime is committed, each member suspects the other and the fun becomes fast and furious with not a little suspense in the efforts to divert suspicion from falling upon the club. The action is kept at high speed until the very last when the mystery is cleared in a most unexpected manner. Mildred Harris, Charles Laye and Warner Oland figure prominently in the strong supporting cast.

Said to be Scotland's oldest minister, the Rev. James McIntyre, 95, lately minister of Seafield, has died.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

OWING TO THE HEAVY DEMAND ON OUR ADVERTISING COLUMNS FOR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY, ADVERTISERS ARE REQUESTED TO KINDLY RESERVE SPACE REQUIRED DURING DECEMBER, AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONVENIENCE.

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AFGHANS TAKE ACTION AGAINST TRIBESMEN.

New Delhi, Nov. 26.

A message from Kabul states

that the King of Afghanistan has proceeded to Jellalabad to direct operations against hostile Shinwaris who are sniping Afghan outposts.

The Dakka-Jellalabad road has been closed.—*Reuter.*

POST OFFICE NOTICE

XMAS LETTER MAIL FOR CANADA AND U.S.A. AND PARCEL MAIL FOR CANADA.

Xmas Letter Mail for Canada and U.S.A. and Parcel Mail for Canada will be closed in the G. P. O. per s.s. Empress of France as follows:
Parcel Mail—27th inst. at 5 p.m.
Registered Mail—28th inst. at 9.15 a.m.
Ordinary mail—28th inst. at 10 a.m.
These mails are due in Victoria, B.C. and Seattle on the 15th December.

XMAS LETTER MAIL "VIA SIBERIA" FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

Xmas Letter Mail "via Siberia" for Great Britain will be closed in the G.P.O. at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, the 30th per s.s. Chénoucoaux. This mail should reach London about the 21st December.

It is hereby notified that on and after 26th November radio-telegrams will be accepted at the Radio office for transmission to Pakhoi at \$0.20 per word—the receiver to pay any charge levied by the Pakhoi Station.

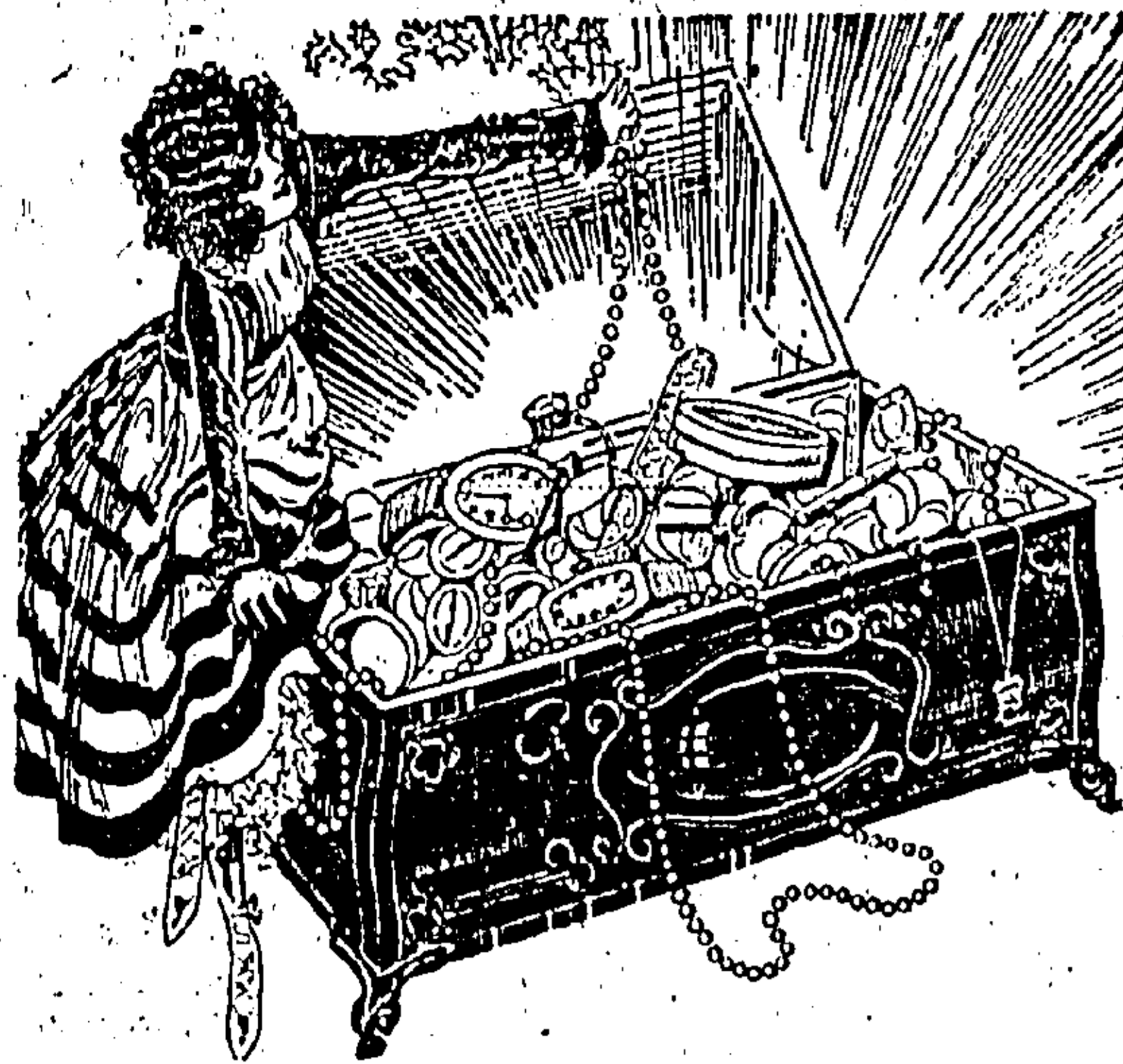
INWARD MAIL.

From	Per	Due
Straits	Talamba	November 27
Shanghai and Amoy	Linan	November 27
Straits and London (Parcels London 25th Oct.)	Glaucus	November 27
Straits	Alatua Maru	November 28
Amoy	Tilawa	November 28
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	November 28
Straits	Cremor	November 29
Japan	Tanda	November 29
Japan and Shanghai	Kitano Maru	November 30
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Karmala	November 30
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers), London, 1st Nov. Kutsang	Pres. Harrison	December 1
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	December 3
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	December 3
Straits	Trelawny	December 3
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	December 5
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	December 7

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe (except United Kingdom) via Marseilles	Antenor	Tues., Nov. 27, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	3 p.m.
	Letters	4.30 p.m.
	G. P. O.	4.15 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 26th Dec.)	
Bangkok	Halvdan	Tues., Nov. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Samahai and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Tues., Nov. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Port Bayard, Hothow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Tues., Nov. 27, 5 p.m.
Hothow and Haiphong	Borneo	Tues., Nov. 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Emp. of France	Wed., Nov. 28, 2.45 p.m.
	Parcels	2.45 p.m.
	Registration	2.45 p.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver, B.C., 15th Dec.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and United Kingdom via Plymouth	Empress of Canada	Wed., Nov. 28, 1 p.m.
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G. P. O.	1 p.m.
	Registration	2.15 p.m.
	Letters	2.15 p.m.
	(Due Plymouth 28th Dec.)	
Shanghai	Yunnan	Wed., Nov. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjikembang Wed.	Nov. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Doll Maru Thurs.	Nov. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Chenan	Thurs., Nov. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea Thurs.	Nov. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Manila and parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Ruhr	Thurs., Nov. 29, 8.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tilawa	Fri., Nov. 30, 11 a.m.
	Parcels	11 a.m.
	Letters	noon
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Chénoucoaux Fri.	Nov. 30, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halcyon	Fri., Nov. 30, 1 p.m.
Wel Hui Wel	Kwaichow	Fri., Nov. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kitano Maru	Sat., Dec. 1, 1 p.m.
	Registration	1.30th 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	1st 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	1st 9 a.m.
	Registration	1st 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	1st 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 30th Dec.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Karmala	Sat., Dec. 1, 1 p.m.
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	Letters	1st 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	1st 9 a.m.
	Registration	1st 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	1st 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 30th Dec.)	
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tanda	Sat., Dec. 1, 1.30 p.m.
	Registration	1.30th 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	1st 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	1st 9 a.m.
	Registration	1st 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	1st 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island, 16th Dec.)	
Manila	Pres. Harrison	Sat., Dec. 1, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Luchow	Sat., Dec. 1, 6 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwaiyang	Sun., Dec. 2, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Dec. 2, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and S. America	President Lincoln	Mon., Dec. 3, 3 p.m.
Europe via San Francisco	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due San Francisco 26th Dec.)	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Lincoln	Mon., Dec. 3, 1.30 p.m.
	Letters only	6 p.m.
Hothow	King Yuan	Tues., Dec. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Andre Lebon	Tues., Dec. 4, 1 p.m.
	Registration	1.30th 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G. P. O.	1.25 p.m.
	Registration	1.30 p.m.
	Letters	1.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 4th January)	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hal Ching	Tues., Dec. 4, 1 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	Tues., Dec. 4, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hoyang	Tues., Dec. 4, 5 p.m.

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It is not too soon to think of Christmas, and a visit of inspection to Ullmann's will reveal a wide selection of Gifts in—

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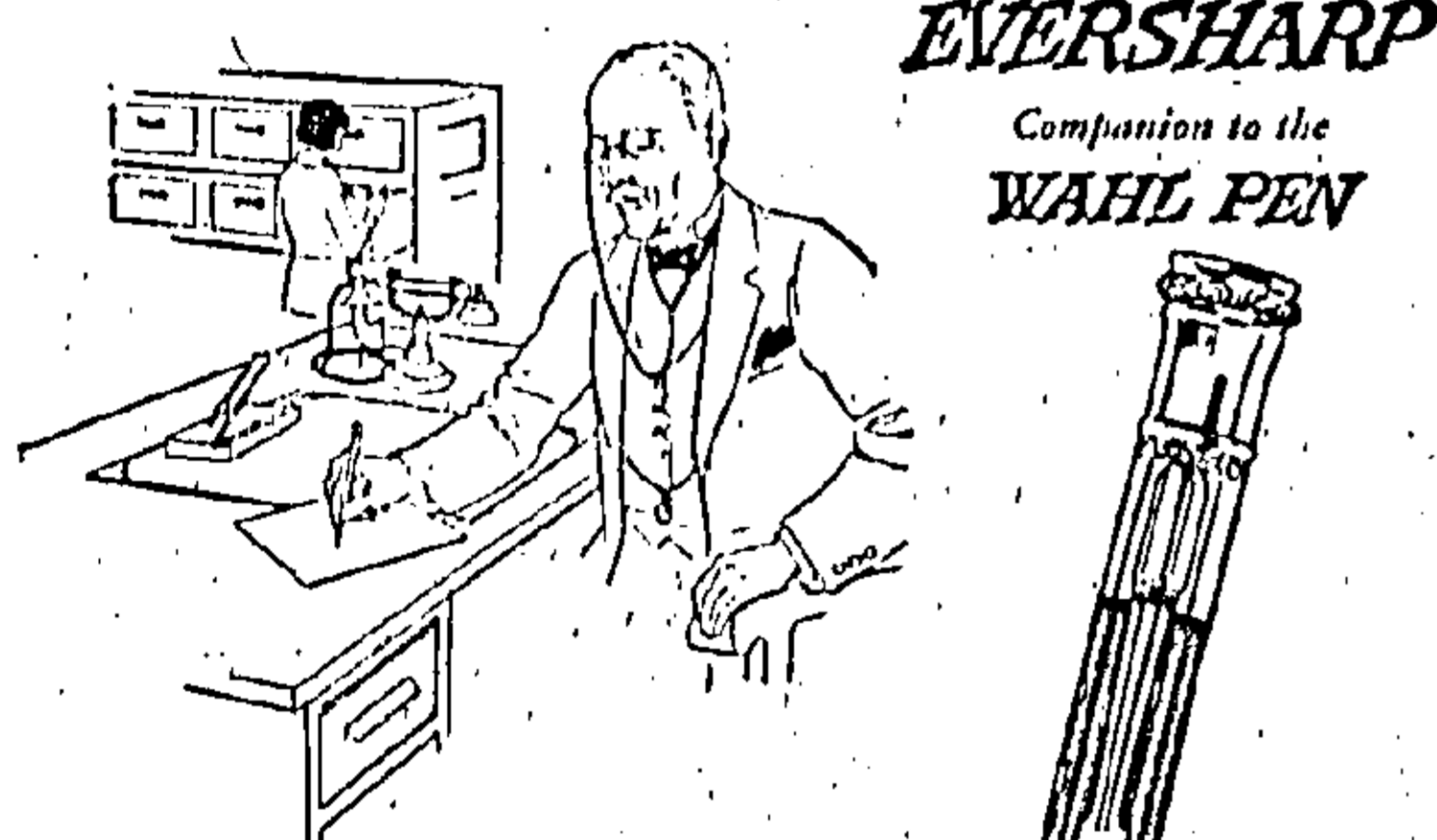
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Beauty for Chins.

DEALING WITH THOSE THAT REPEAT THEMSELVES.

Twenty chin treatments, each lasting an hour to an hour and a half, are being given every day in one Dover-street beauty salon.

"No matter how slim a woman is, her chin is seldom irreproachable," said the manageress. A really lovely chin is her rarest perfection. Chins, of course, have one dreadfully familiar tendency—to repeat themselves! And many of my middle-aged and elderly clients have to be treated because the skin sags under the jaw.

Breaking up the Fat Glands.

"The attack on the double chin is made by breaking up the fat glands and, at the same time, stimulating the sluggish circulation so that the fat is distributed. We use the invention of a Paris physician—a vinegar lotion compounded with the essence of certain tropical plants. This is applied to dissolve the fat, and is driven in either by energetic slapping with a folded cloth or by means of the electric current.

A Patter With a 'Whang.'

"This slapping is best done by the beauty specialist or, at home, by a friend, for to be effective it ought to be done by someone standing behind the 'patient.' The right motion, of course, is essentially an upward one, to counteract the downward-sagging tendency. An ebony patter with a steel spring is best for home use, because it has a good 'whang' even when manipulated gently. "Where there is no fat, but only a sagging of the skin, a special tightening astringent is used instead of the reducing lotion, and the whole face is thoroughly massaged so that the muscles are strengthened and the flabby skin worked into healthy life."

Some French Winter Fashions.



Above is a French creation in black tulle with jewelled buckle. Again a beige felt with crown slashes and threaded with three shades of beige, forming a bow under the brim. The travelling suit at the right, is made of wool jersey in the new shade of red outlined with a band of white.

Smuggled Feathers.

DUCHESS LEADS WAR ON HAT PLUMAGE.

War is being waged by the Duchess of Portland and a band of Society women against the revival in the use of osprey feather hat trimmings.

Since fashion decreed a few weeks ago the wearing by women of larger hats, there has been a big demand for the beautiful plumage of the egret and the bird of paradise.

The importation of these feathers was, in 1922, made illegal on account of cruelty to the birds, but plumes are still smuggled into the country.

The Duchess, who is president of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and her friends have adopted novel methods to suppress the demand.

Under the Duchess's leadership, a regular band of Society women watch the hats of the people they meet, and to those they see wearing ospreys, a letter in the following terms is dispatched:

"Very Cruel."

Dear Madam.—It is with deep regret that I have noticed lately a recrudescence of the fashion in millinery of the use of the plumage of egrets, herons, &c.

As these feathers constitute their nuptial plumage, the obvious inference is that the birds have been killed while breeding, and

rearing their young, and that, consequently, young birds have been left to die of starvation.

Such a practice, in addition to being very cruel, would eventually lead to the extinction of these beautiful birds, and this is a matter of peculiar interest to be able to use your influence against the revival of a fashion which is deplored by all lovers of birds.

I am, yours very truly,

WINIFRED PORTLAND.

Although the campaign has only been in progress a few weeks, already over 300 letters have been sent out.

The staff of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds assist by watching the papers for photographs of women wearing the plumes, to whom letters are then sent.

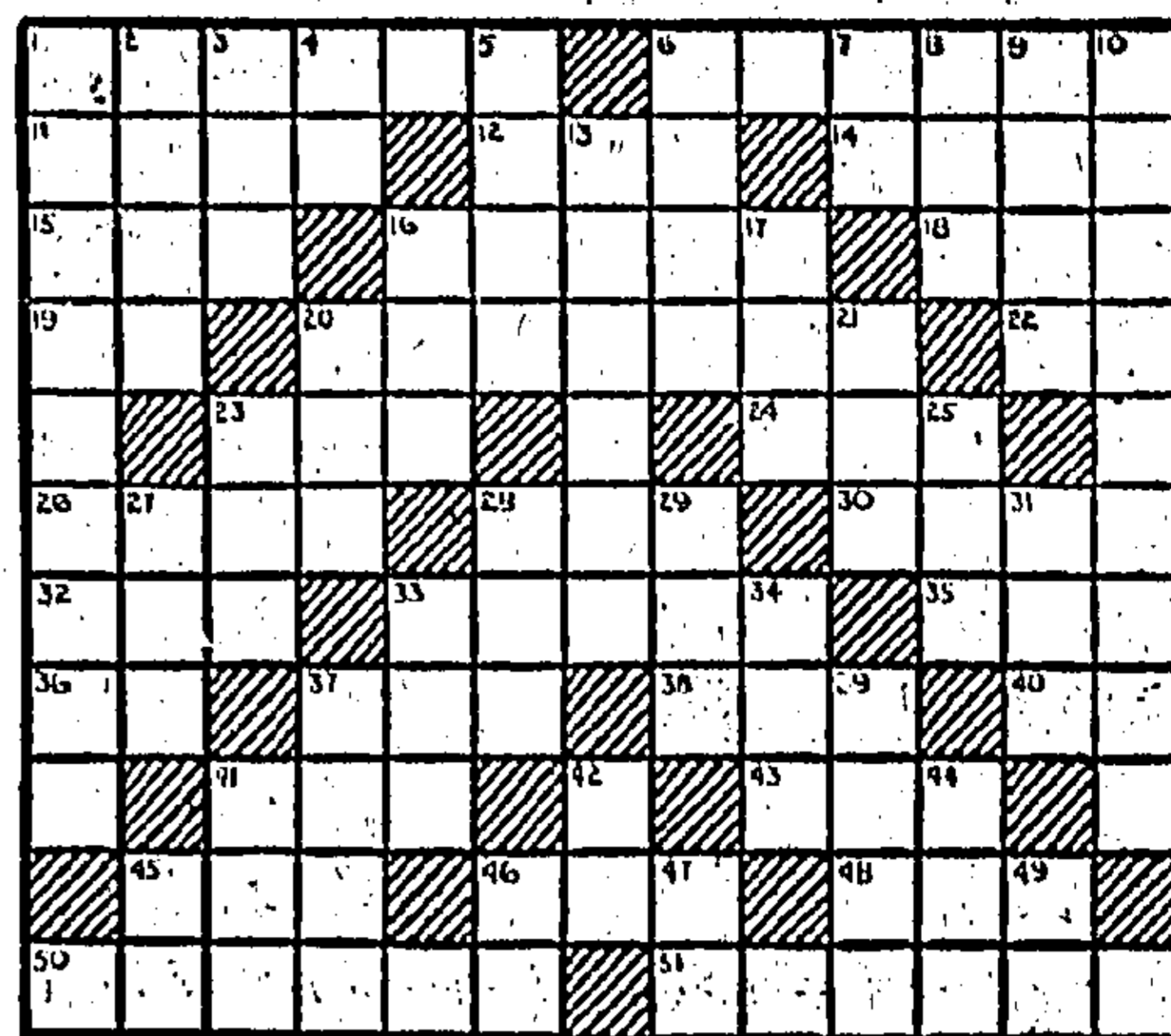
"Although the importation of the feathers is prohibited, they can still be bought in most shops," said an official of the society to a Daily Chronicle representative recently.

"They are declared to be old stock from the days before the Plumage Act came into force. "While the trade as a whole abides by the regulations smuggling is rife. The feathers are so light that it is easy to conceal them—between the pages of newspapers, for example."

Lord Buxton, the honorary treasurer of the society, says:

"To buy or wear such plumes is, therefore, to encourage their illegal importation, and to become a party to the resultant slaughter of the birds."

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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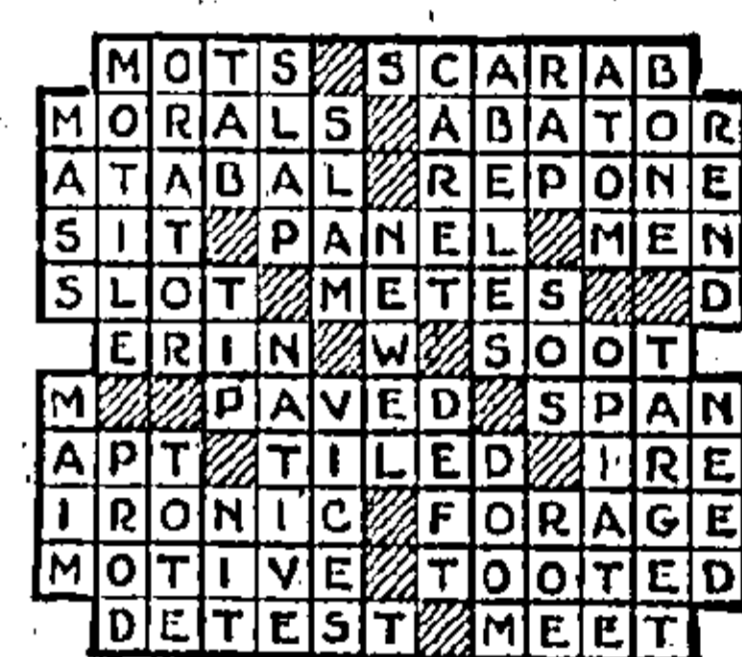
- 1 What physician was one of the founders of Rhode Island?
- 6 Which city is the shipping centre of Minnesota?
- 11 To wash.
- 12 Eucharist vessel.
- 14 Region.
- 15 Night.
- 16 To give a wavy appearance to.
- 18 Recent.
- 19 Abbreviation for "Virginia."
- 20 Social conduct.
- 22 Abbreviation for "street."
- 23 Cooking utensil.
- 24 Sweet potato.
- 26 Booty.
- 28 To drink slowly.
- 30 Game played on horseback.
- 32 Black bird of the cuckoo family.
- 33 Shiny silk.
- 35 By.
- 36 Point of compass.
- 37 Cat.
- 38 To knock lightly.
- 40 Variant "of a."
- 41 To decay.
- 43 Ruby.
- 46 To low.
- 48 To strike with a quick, sharp blow.
- 50 Who discovered the law of gravitation?
- 51 Who was Crusoe's companion?

Vertical

- 1 Which is the largest city in Ohio?
- 2 Fluid rock from a volcano.
- 3 Hall.
- 4 Second note in the scale.
- 5 To merit.
- 6 Lady.

- 7 Minor note in scale.
- 8 Ewer.
- 9 Tiny golf device.
- 10 Who was the author of "The House of the Seven Gables"?
- 13 Who was the first governor of New Netherland (New York)?
- 16 Feline animal.
- 17 To peep.
- 20 Wittlelam.
- 21 Fluid in a tree.
- 23 Taro paste.
- 25 Soft broom.
- 27 Unit.
- 28 Sorrowful.
- 29 Cavity.
- 31 Meadow.
- 32 To harden.
- 34 To scold constantly.
- 37 Shoe.
- 39 Fairy.
- 41 Lino.
- 42 Correlative of either.
- 44 Insane.
- 45 Myself.
- 46 Half an cm.
- 47 Provided.
- 49 Dad.

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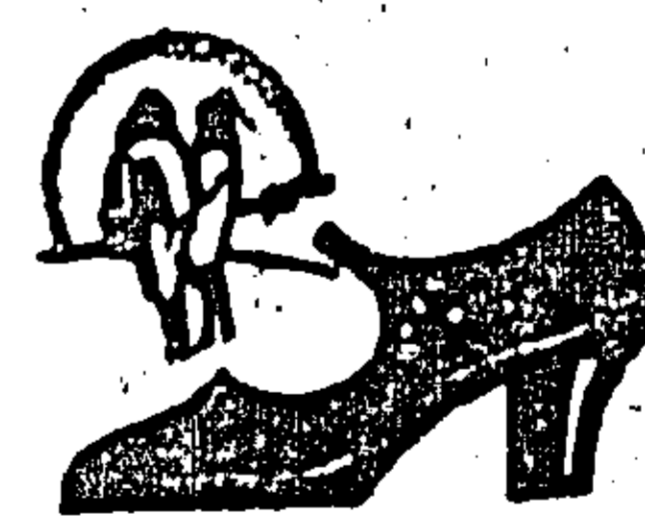
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WEDDING.

BLAKE—WILLIAMS.—At St. John's Cathedral, on Tuesday, the 27th November, 1928, by the Rev. Alfred Swann, Denis Henry Blake to Elizabeth Gwen Williams.

DEATH.

TS'OO SEE KAI.—At the French Hospital, this morning at 5 a.m. Rev. Ts'oo See Kai, B.A., Durham, late chaplain of St. Paul's College. Funeral will take place from St. Paul's Church, Glenelg, to-morrow at 11 a.m.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27, 1928.

CANTON OUTLOOK.

It would appear, from reports reaching us, that Marshal Li Chai-sun, who has recently returned to Canton, is not likely to be going back to Nanking for some little time yet, and, as he has figured so prominently in the restoration of better relations between Kwangtung and Hongkong, it is satisfactory to feel that in all probability he will still be in the South when Sir Cecil Clementi returns from Home leave. Hongkong would much like Marshal Li to have continued in charge of affairs in Canton, because it knows that in him they have a true friend who has the right conceptions of the relationship between the two centres. Moreover, his admirable record in the matter of reconstruction work during recent years shows him to be an able and conscientious administrator. However, his abilities are apparently fully realised in the new Nationalist capital, and, in the circumstances, it is only natural that he should occupy a prominent place in the Central Government.

Marshal Li's return to Canton comes at an important juncture. More especially have we in mind Nanking's definite confirmation of the order that the Branch Political Councils in various parts of the country are to be abolished as from the end of the current year. The policy which this step implies does not commend itself to all parties, for in many quarters it is still felt that these Councils can, in the present transition state, perform very useful functions. However, as full centralisation of power and authority is a desirable goal to aim for, there can be little serious criticism of this move. Marshal Li has declared that he will obey the Nanking instructions on this point, but, even so, we doubt whether this finally disposes of the issue so far as Canton is concerned. The local Branch Council there has wielded power so long that it will not be surprising if some resentment is felt at the order of suppression. With regard to the Chairmanship of the Kwangtung Provincial Council, General Chan Ming-shu is now definitely allotted to this post in place of Marshal Li, and it will be interesting to see what developments, if any, arise out of this change. General Chan has the advantage of being a Cantonese and his appointment is no doubt hailed by his fellow-provincials as a step in the right direction. It may also be assumed that the people of Canton welcome his elevation to this office. It has been with Marshal Li's concurrence that General Chan has been given this post, and this would appear to convey an assurance that the new head will work in harmony with the Kwangtung clique. In this connection, the future will disclose the extent of General Chan's actual authority as Chairman of the Council, and it is to be hoped that there will be complete and lasting harmony between him and his colleagues. Any quarrel at this stage would be most regrettable. Hongkong at any rate wishes General Chan well in his new office, and entertains the hope that he will carry on the splendid work of his predecessor and thus cement even further the friendship between this Colony and the centre of Kwangtung's authority.

In the meantime, we note with much satisfaction the good work of Admiral Chan Chak reported yesterday by our Canton correspondent. From this it would seem that the Canton authorities are sincerely in earnest in waging war against pirates and bandits. Already several strongholds of these outlaws have been raided, with good effect, and we hope to see a continuance of these operations. It would be well, too, if some really serious effort were made in the Bias Bay region, where there is plenty of scope for punitive measures.

The King's Illness.

The immense respect, love and esteem in which His Majesty the King is held throughout the world has never been more strikingly shown than at this time of crisis when the illustrious Sovereign of the world's greatest Empire is seriously ill. England and the Empire have been deeply moved by the news issued from Buckingham Palace from time to time, and the hundreds of messages of sympathy pouring inwards reflect the feelings of the multitude. The week-end bulletins have been somewhat less reassuring, giving rise to some anxiety, though the King's medical advisers explain that the increasing fever and an extension of the pleurisy are a normal development of the trouble. This morning's cables, relating that His Majesty's temperature has risen further and that he spent an uncomfortable day, the disquieting, though there appears at the moment to be no need for serious alarm. The universal concern for His Majesty is the greatest possible tribute to his personal character. His unsparing devotion to his royal responsibilities, his essentially human outlook, and his close contact with his people, have almost solely accounted for the gradual but most remarkable process which, in his lifetime, has transformed and revitalised the functions of the Crown. The ties of Empire have been greatly strengthened by the personal link with its remotest peoples established by His Majesty during the Ophir's memorable voyage, by the Delhi Durbar, and made intensely intimate during the dark days of the war. It is significant that in the Empire there should be only one man whose personal experience compares with the King's, and that man is the King's Heir. Even now the Prince of Wales is engaged on one of his Empire-binding tours, and it is a most hopeful sign that it has not been felt necessary to suggest his recall.

DAY BY DAY.

THE OBJECT OF PUNISHMENT IS PREVENTION FROM EVIL: IT NEVER CAN BE MADE IMPULSIVE TO GOOD.—*Horace Mann.*

The Empress of Asia, which left Hongkong on the 7th November, arrived at Vancouver on the 24th instant.

H.M.S. Berwick arrived at Yokohama on Monday from Osaka, while the flagship, H.M.S. Kent left Kasakabe for Shimizu.

H.M.S. Hermes, which was to have sailed on a southern cruise on Monday, has not yet left port, owing to the presence of the typhoon.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows seven further cases of small-pox and one each of diphtheria and typhoid. All were Chinese.

The forthcoming wedding is announced, of Lieutenant K. W. Beard, R.N., of the R.A.F. Base, Kai Tak, to Miss M. E. Bird, 29, 28, The Peak.

A Japanese named Kimura Tatsuchi, a seaman on board the Tazuru Maru, has been removed to the Government Civil Hospital with injuries to his head received when he dropped into the hold of the steamer yesterday. The man was at the time engaged in the work of replacing a beam across the hatch.

Charged with being in unlawful possession of five jule socks, a Chinese told Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, that he found them near the Mongkok Ferry. His Worship pointed out to the defendant that "finders were not keepers" and imposed sentence of two weeks' hard labour.

The health return for the past week shows 17 cases of small-pox, of which all but one were from Kowloon. All the cases were Chinese and there were eight deaths. Of other diseases, there were eight cases of typhoid (three fatal), five of diphtheria (three fatal), two non-fatal cases of paratyphoid and one fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever.

At 9.15 last night, a coolie was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital with a fractured rib, having been knocked down by a motor car in Connaught Road Central. The motor car concerned promptly drove off and the coolie is unable to furnish the authorities with its number. No report has been made to the police by the driver.

This morning's Harbour Office report gave 13 arrivals and 12 departures, British five and seven respectively. Lower tonnage was registered and freights were less than usual. With British vessels all registering cargoes under both headings, the total was approximately 6,000 tons including the second best returns both inward and through. At 9 a.m. there were 67 vessels in port, of which 21 were British.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Chan So and Li Mui, mistresses of fishing boats, were charged with using drags and grapplings to lift objects from the harbour bed without permission. Inspector Ogg prosecuted, and the defendants stated that they used the drags and nets for the purpose of catching shrimps and prawns. A fine of \$10 was inflicted in each case, and an order was made that the gear be confiscated.

Among the passengers on the President Grant which arrived yesterday, were the Master of Naples and his wife, Mr. F. H. Clendenning, President of the Empire Shipping Company of Vancouver; Mr. A. B. Cresap, President of the Luzon Brokerage Company of Manila and Mr. C. J. Lynn, Treasurer of Eli Lilly and Co., manufacturing chemists. Mr. S. J. Albright, passenger agent of the American Mail Line, is going to Yokohama, whilst Mr. Chas. A. Herschleb, New York Y.M.C.A. Secretary is bound for Seattle.

U.S. ADHERENCE TO WORLD COURT.**MR. KELLOGG OPENING NEGOTIATIONS.**

Washington, Nov. 26. The State Department has indicated that negotiations relating to American adherence to the World Court, with certain reservations, will be initiated immediately, and it is hoped that the matter will be cleared up during the remaining three months of President Coolidge's term of office.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CORRESPONDENCE.**TRAMS V. BUSES.**

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Bellamy's letter in this evening's paper, would the gentleman kindly explain what reason was given for not granting his Company permission to run buses in Queen's Road?

In the face of the apparent persistent application, it is difficult to understand why permission was granted to the Hongkong Hotel Co. in preference to the Tramway Co. Some nasty remarks have been passed about the "glowiness" of the Tramway Management in allowing the Hotel to capture this "gold mine line."

Public transportation being essentially the business of the Tramway Company, it is up to them to

About Hong Kong**Do you know that—**

Quite a number of distinguished British statesmen have in times past visited Hongkong? Amongst these may be mentioned Lord Randolph Churchill, who came here in 1894, and Mr. F. E. Smith (now Lord Birkenhead) and Sir Charles Dilke, who visited the Colony together in 1875. Some 21 years ago, Mr. Kelt Hardie, the Socialist leader, paid a visit to Hongkong.

sho. good reason why they appear to have failed in this matter.—Yours, etc.

INTERESTED.

Kowloon, Nov. 26th, 1928.

Sir,—With regard to Mr. Bellamy's letter in your yesterday's issue, shareholders in the Hongkong Tramway Co. will be pleased if Mr. Bellamy will be so kind as to inform them what sort of a reply the Company got from the Government on each of the three occasions referred to in his letter, when the Company applied for a concession to run buses along Queen's Road, Central.—Yours, etc.

A SHAREHOLDER.

Hongkong, Nov. 27th 1928.

DEATH OF MR. TS'OO SEE-KAI.**LONG CONNEXION WITH ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.**

It is with regret that we have to record the death at the French Hospital this morning, of Mr. Ts'oo See-kai, B.A. after a long illness. The chaplain of St. Paul's College, Hongkong, where he received his early education, Mr. Ts'oo See-kai had been suffering from more than three months from cancer and his death was not unexpected.

The late Mr. Ts'oo will always be remembered for his long connexion with St. Paul's. After leaving the College, he went to the Union Theological College, Canton, and later returned to the Colony to take charge of St. Paul's Church.

A short spell in England where he took his degree at Durham where he took his other interruption. Since his return he had worked indefatigably on behalf of St. Paul's, and his loss is a severe one. The funeral takes place to-morrow at 11.30 a.m. from St. Paul's Church.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Nov. 26.
Paris	124.10
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Berlin	20.85
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.45 1/2
Helsinki	182 1/2
Lisbon	108.9 1/2
Bucharest	305 1/2
Buenos Aires	67.15/32
Shanghai	2 1/4
Yokohama	1/10.29/32
New York	4.85 1/32
Geneva	25.19
Milan	92.55
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	18.10
Prague	184 1/2
Madrid	30.08 1/2
Athens	37 1/2
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/6.1/32
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Silver (spot)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	20.11/10

—British Wireless.

The master of the Tak Wo Hsiao-klin, of Peng Chau Island, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, last night suffering from a gunshot wound in the foot sustained whilst cleaning a firearm which was thought to be unloaded.

The Very Idea!

A German physician, after prolonged investigation and observation, has decided to divide humanity into two classes of sleepers, early and late. The "evening" sleeper falls straightway into the most profound depths of slumber, while the "morning" sleeper does not reach this stage till the morning, and as a consequence arises less refreshed. We suppose this deep slumber is what is generally called the beauty-sleep. Science has a way of discovering things that we know instinctively beforehand: but until knowledge is expressed in proper scientific formulae it is, of course, merely superstition. One writer says:—For my own part I always make a point of going to sleep within five minutes or less of my head touching the pillow, and I am convinced that this is the most sensible and hygienic thing to do. But I do not claim to be acting under medical advice. It is quite my own idea.

The pretty young kindergarten mistress had been telling her pupils all about the winds, their power, different effects, and so on. "And children," she went on enthusiastically, "as I came to school this morning on the top of the bus something softly came and kissed my cheek. What do you think it was?" "The conductor!" cried the children joyously.

[It is suggested that the use of strident motor-horns should be confined to the open road, and a low-toned bulb horn should be used in towns.]

Though you should walk across the road,

Here in the teeming town,
As slowly as an aged head
I will not run you down,
But you must listen for a horn
That gives no raucous blare,
A sound that is devised to warn,
But not, oh! not to scare.

My big electric horn's the thing
To hustle folk along,
A sound that's half a spitting
"ping"
And half a vibrant "pong."
It makes the very cripple skip;
But it is only meet
For use upon a rural trip,
Not in the urban street.

Not as the awful tramp of doom,
Resounding from above,
Shall I announce my need of room,
But as the sucking dove,
And while I tread upon the brake,
With all my strength and power,
I trust that you will strive to make
An extra mile an hour.

"People upstairs are supposed to move out as there is an injection order against them."—Witness at Old-street.

Woman at Willesden after being granted a summons against her husband: Will you, please, make it returnable for hearing on a Monday as I am living at Brighton and I can get a cheap railway ticket on that day?

Prisoner, with 35 convictions, at the Guildhall, E.C.1: I once worked for 15 months when I was on probation, but it made me ill and I had to give it up.

Chairman of Southend Bench: If some machine could be invented to evaporate women's tempers it would save the court a lot of trouble.

"Madame, your husband does not seem to have any organic trouble," said the physician to the profiteer's wife.

"Oh, no," exclaimed Mrs. Newrich, "not in this neighbourhood. But the folk that live next door to us have a gramophone that worries him nearly to death."

[A psychologist lays it down that those whose noses are similar in shape ought not to marry.]

She seems the very girl for me
(I thought on meeting Jess);
The way our noses disagree
Should make for happiness.
Her features which allure me
much,

Reveal no single sign
Of that absurd reticence touch
So visible on mine.
But when to put my fervent plea
An early date I chose,
This difference to banish, she
At once turned up her nose.

"A baby" car collided with a protuberant saloon. The chauffeur of the latter jumped out, and surveyed with indignation a very bad dent in the side of his elaborate coachwork.

"Did you do that?" he asked the other driver.

"Yes—I'm afraid so," was the apologetic reply.
There was a pregnant silence, during which the chauffeur looked first at his damaged car, and then at the offending "baby."
"Well," he pronounced at length, "I just don't believe it. I must have hit a brick."

RATE RELIEF PLAN SUBMITTED.

MOST IMPORTANT BILL OF THE SESSION.

"LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANY RESPECTS OBSOLETE."

LABOUR AMENDMENT.

London, Nov. 26. Having already provoked much controversy throughout the country, the debate on the Local Government De-rating Bill, which is as complicated as it is important, containing over 100 clauses and twelve schedules, and aims at the reorganisation of local government and the readjustment of financial relations between the State and local authorities, opened in the House of Commons to-day.

The measure has even been attacked in a section of the Conservative Press, because, among other things, it is alleged that it will relieve the big industrialists and concerns at the expense of the smaller ratepayers.

Great Measure.

The Bill was submitted to the Commons to-day by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, who described the measure as the most important of the Session and as being among the greatest measures presented to any Parliament.

Mr. Chamberlain said that it indicated the final stage of the Government's great measure of rating reform. Local government was in many respects obsolete and cried aloud for reform.

In this connexion, the Government spokesman quoted instances after instance of the continuance of Guardians, and of onerous charges on rural districts for the maintenance of roads.

Strangling Industry.

He declared that the inequitable rating system was slowly strangling agriculture and industry.

The Bill would relieve industry to the extent of £24,000,000, three-quarters of which would go to the depressed industries, thus giving them the greatest employment. He suggested that the Bill was the only practical remedy for the present chaotic methods of relief.

Mr. A. Greenwood (Lab.) moved the rejection of the Bill on the ground of its numerous shortcomings. He argued that it perpetuates the evils of the Poor Law system, and does not appreciably relieve the financial burdens of necessitous areas.

Debate Adjourned.

The debate was adjourned till to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., at the Town Hall, Fulham, recently dealt with the position of London under the Government Rating Reform Scheme.

He said that London would share the advantages of the principal measures of reform and readjustment. Poor Law would be transferred to the London County Council, and as the Council would be carrying on work which had hitherto been performed by many bodies, centralisation would mean more efficiency and economy in the administrative machine.

As far as the important administrative proposals connected with de-rating were concerned, it was understood that with certain minor reservations they had been accepted by all parties on the London County Council.

The Socialists were drawing an extraordinary and distorted picture of London under the scheme.

No Rate Increases.

For the first quinquennium no borough would have to raise its rates on account of the scheme; many would be relieved, and London as a whole would certainly be better off. The position after such period was now the subject of discussion between Mr. Chamberlain and the various London authorities. The Minister certainly contemplated minimum grants for the subsequent periods.

Sir Kingsley Wood in the afternoon addressed a meeting of Poor Law and other authorities at Oxford on the Government scheme of local government reform.

He said that with regard to the natural desire of many Guardians to continue their work, as far as possible a considerable, and he believed successful effort had been made, consistent with the Government's main proposals, to accomplish this purpose. The personal touch and the efficiency and economy associated with it in the minds alike of ratepayers and applicants for relief would be preserved.

MISHAP TO LONDON FLIGHT.

CAPT. HURLEY INJURED ON FORCED LANDING.

AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK.

Athens, Nov. 26. The "Spirit of Australia," the monoplane in which Captain Hurley and Flying Officers Moir and Owen are attempting a flight from Australia to London and back, was to-day compelled to make a forced landing at Varimbodi.

Captain Hurley was slightly injured, but his companions were unhurt.—*Reuter.*

The "Spirit of Australia" set out from Western Australia on November 5th in an effort to fly to London and back in 28 days. The airmen are already considerably behind schedule and cannot possibly attain the object with which they set out.

The fliers reached Singapore on November 8th, when the machine in landing at the racecourse nearly came to grief. The machine was first sighted at 1.20 p.m., and preparations were hardly complete for the airmen's arrival. A bonfire was quickly lit to signal the landing ground, but unfortunately the airmen mistook the signal, and landed on the wrong side of the course. Still going at a tremendous pace, the machine touched the ground in about the middle of the course, and, taxiling down, was suddenly confronted with two fairly large bunkers.

The few spectators stood aghast at the thought of the impending crash, but the pilot managed to steer the plane between the bunkers in such a manner that only one wheel of the machine struck the mound of earth. The speed of the plane was thus considerably checked, and, apart from being swung round, nothing untoward happened to the monoplane. The bunker was badly torn, but examination revealed that the machine had suffered no damage.

HONGKONG GIRL GUIDES.

THE ANNUAL BROWNIE COMPETITION.

On Friday, the annual Brownie Competition was held in the grounds of Government House.

Six Packs competed for a "Totem" which may be held by the winners for one year.

The Competition comprised various parts of the Brownie training, and after some very interesting contests the 2nd Kowloon Pack (Diocesan Girls' School) were declared the winners, closely followed by the 4th Hongkong (St. Paul's Girls' School), and the 2nd Hongkong (Garrison School).

Mrs. Doyle in charge of the winning Pack, assisted by Miss P. Anderson, is to be heartily congratulated on such an excellent result, as this very keen Pack has had less than a year's training.

So also is Miss Mackie, assisted by Miss Coyne, whose pack drawn from St. Paul's Girls' School only came into existence on February 21st of this year. It is the first Chinese Pack to be formed in the Colony, and it is an excellent start for them to have gained second place in the Annual Competition during their first year of training.

Miss Lund, who is in charge of the 2nd Hongkong Pack (Garrison School) gaining third place in the Competition, also deserves a word of praise, as although this Pack is one of the oldest in the Colony the Brownies seldom stay for more than a year or so before they move on with their parents to another part of the Empire, and this makes the training of this Pack a very difficult proposition.

At the end of the Competition Mrs. Southern very kindly invited all the Brownies, numbering about 120, to tea, as well as a large number of interested spectators consisting of many parents of the Brownies and members of the Local Girl Guide Association.

PEI CHUNG-HSI'S DENIAL.

NOT TO HEAD SINKIANG GOVERNMENT.

Shanghai, Nov. 26. General Pei Chung-hsi, according to reports emanating from Peking, has indicated that if he enters Sinkiang, or Chinese Turkestan, he will go there in the capacity of a military officer and not have anything to do with the Civil Government.

He denies that he is to become Chairman of the Sinkiang Civil Government.

CHINA'S TREATY PROBLEMS.

DR. WANG TALKS WITH JOURNALISTS.

HOW MATTERS STAND.

Shanghai, Nov. 26. The Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, to-day gave a reception to Chinese journalists, during which he expressed a desire that during the present juncture public opinion all over the country should be at the back of the Foreign Ministry.

Touching on the Chinese-Japanese negotiations, Dr. Wang said the problem centred on the question of the Japanese troop evacuation from Shanghai and for the time being the Chinese Government has decided to stand firm on this matter.

The Foreign Minister also assured the journalists that in the new Sino-Italian Treaty Italy would relinquish consular jurisdiction in China and consent to tariff autonomy.

Dr. Wang added that the Belgian representatives in China had indicated their willingness to make concessions to China, and that in the case of Portugal, the Chinese Foreign Ministry would proceed on treaty revision as soon as the new Portuguese Cabinet is formed.

Dr. Wang concluded his speech by saying that so far there has been no indication from Spain of her intentions.

ASTONISHINGLY DUMB PORKERS.

PRISONER ACCUSED OF DOPING ANIMALS.

"You may shake them, but you can't get a squeal out of them; they are dumb," said Sub Inspector Hopkins to Mr. R.E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning, when he produced two young pigs, the subject of a charge of larceny against a Chinese from Aberdeen.

Accused was questioned on his manner of feeding them. He asserted that he fed them handsomely, on a diet of salted fish and rice, such as he would eat himself. He denied an accusation that he had dose the piglets with opium. A previous conviction was produced, revealing that the accused was last year convicted of stealing three geese.

His Worship now sentenced him to two months' hard labour.

BODY DUMPING CONTINUES.

MOSTLY SMALL-POX VICTIMS.

The dumping of the bodies of children who are victims of small-pox continues. The police reports this morning stated that the bodies of two babies who died of this disease were picked up in Yau-mat and the body of a child who died of the same disease was picked up in Mongkok.

From the harbour, the water police retrieved the bodies of two children, both of whom show signs of having died of small-pox.

In addition to these cases, one dead body was picked up in Wan-chai and one in Aberdeen, but in these cases the cause of death was not small-pox.



"Well, who was it wanted to take a late vacation to avoid the crowds?"

DOLLAR LINE'S NEW VENTURE.

TO ENTER PHILIPPINES SHIPPING TRADE.

TWO COSTLY LINERS.

San Francisco, Nov. 22. The Dollar Steamship Company to-day announced plans to establish an extensive inter-island line in the Philippines.

The company has prepared designs for two passenger steamers which will cost approximately \$3,000,000 each. They will have a speed of 16 knots and will be 350 feet long. They will be built in the United States at an indefinite date.

They will ply between eleven islands of the archipelago, providing feeder service to the two Dollar trans-Pacific lines.

Mr. R. S. Dollar, vice president of the company, predicted a tremendous development in the Philippines in the next few years, saying that agriculture, industry and business would enter a new era with the establishment of proper transportation facilities.

Interests associated with Mayor James Rolph, of San Francisco, recently purchased the 1,200-ton steamship Viking for service between Manila and Mindanao. Mayor Rolph is considering a visit to the Philippines in the near future.

"TOM JONES."

BRIGHT OPERA TO BE PRODUCED SOON.

Rehearsals are now well in hand for "Tom Jones," the forthcoming production of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, which will open at the Theatre Royal on Friday, December 14, at 9 p.m. The opera will also be given on the nights of December 15, 17, 18, 21 and 22, while there will be a matinee on Wednesday, December 19, at 4.30 p.m.

"Tom Jones" is a delightful and popular work and forms one of the best and brightest examples of genuine English comic opera. It is replete with a number of characters of typical English country life and fashionable London society of the past. It possesses a good story sparkling with wit and scintillating with good humour, a wealth of tuneful airs and many a rollicking chorus. The opera was written by Alex. M. Thompson and Robert Courtneidge, the music being by Edward German and the lyrics by Charles H. Taylor.

An announcement with regard to booking for the local production of the opera will be made in a few days.

THE TYPHOON.

A warning issued from the Manila Observatory at 8 p.m. yesterday showed that the typhoon was in almost stationary position. This places it about midway between Luzon and the Paracels. The rough weather in this region is delaying shipping, whilst H. M. S. Hermes and the R.A.F. seaplanes are still held up here in Hongkong.

The Royal Observatory reports this morning that the typhoon remains stationary about 400 miles S.E. of Hongkong. The forecast up till noon to-morrow is: North-east winds, fresh; generally overcast; some rain.

SECOND ROUND OF F. A. CUP.

DRAW OF NO OUTSTANDING INTEREST.

LONDON CLUBS LUCKY.

London, Nov. 26. The draw for the Second Round Proper of the F.A. Cup competition was made to-day, resulting as follows:

Carlisle	v. Lincoln
Tranmere	v. Bradford C.
Wigan	v. Grantham
Accrington	v. Spennymoor
Scarborough	v. Darlington
Gainsboro'	v. Chesterfield
Barrow	v. Mansfield
Stockport	v. Southport
Northfleet	v. Charlton
Crystal Pal.	v. Bristol R.
Watford	v. Mithryl
Brentford	v. Plymouth
Norwich	v. Newport
Gillingham or Torquay	v. Exeter
Fulham	v. Luton
Walsall	v. Slingsbourne
Guildford	v. Bournemouth

Matches to be played on December 8th.—*Reuter.*

It is rather a unique feature that of thirty-four matches played in the First Round, in only one match is a re-play required. The teams drawn above will decide which seventeen will appear in the Third Round when the First and Second Division clubs enter the competition for the first time.

CANTON AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

"PAIR OF SILK STOCKINGS" TO BE PRODUCED.

Canton residents are looking forward with keenest anticipation to the production by the local Theatrical Society of "A Pair of Silk Stockings" on December 3rd and 4th.

It was originally intended to produce the play for one night only, but, in view of the persistent rumours as to the excellence of the production, bookers have been so heavy as to necessitate the inclusion of a second performance, and a glance at the booking list leads one to the conviction that the production, is assured of crowded houses on both nights.

Those concerned in the production are very reticent as to the progress made, but from remarks dropped in casual conversations one gathers that everyone concerned is thoroughly satisfied that the coming show will be something in the nature of a record for Canton theatricals.

The play is being produced by Mr. Wolf, with the assistance of the Committee of the C.A.T.S., the cast being as follows: Sam Thornhill, Mr. H. G. Eales; Captain Bagnall, Captain G. A. Clements; Sir John Gower, Mr. W. R. Farmer; Hugh MacIntyre, Mr. A. J. Evans; Brooke, Mr. F. B. W. Lammer; Morgan (a butler), Mr. L. A. Jones; Inspector Wilson, Mr. H. H. Benson; A Tramp, Mr. J. Baud; Pauline (a maid), Miss Louise Hogg; Angela Bruce, Mrs. W. Graham Reynolds; Pamela Bristowe, Mrs. T. O. Lammer; Irene Maitland, Mrs. F. Gandossi; Lady Gower, Mrs. G. A. Clements; Molly Thornhill, Miss P. Kemble.

A rough resume of the plot reveals that a house party at the country residence of Sir John and Lady Gower, are interrupted in the rehearsal of a play by the arrival of Molly Thornhill, the divorced wife of Sam Thornhill (one of the house party) whose car has broken down. Sam, at the instigation of Irene Maitland, decides that this will be a wonderful opportunity for reconciliation with his wife. The second act opens on the bedroom assigned to Molly, and reveals Sam disguised in the theatrical props patiently awaiting an opportunity of explaining his peccadillo to his wife. Unfortunately his plans go astray, as Captain Bagnall, who is supposed to be in London and whose room Molly is using, returns unexpectedly and, during the ensuing explanations between him and Molly, Sam is detected and captured as a burglar. Molly's stockings being used to tie him up. Unfortunately for Molly and Bagnall, Sam manages to escape and they are left to explain as best they can Bagnall's presence in Molly's room in the early hours. Matters are eventually straightened out in the third act, to the accompaniment of many amusing situations.

With the obviously strong cast, including, as it does, several accomplished amateurs, it is felt that the fullest advantages will be taken of the many opportunities the plot offers of amusing dialogues and farcical situations.

It is said that the C.A.T.S. expect to produce two more plays during the present season, one of which may possibly be taken to Hongkong.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

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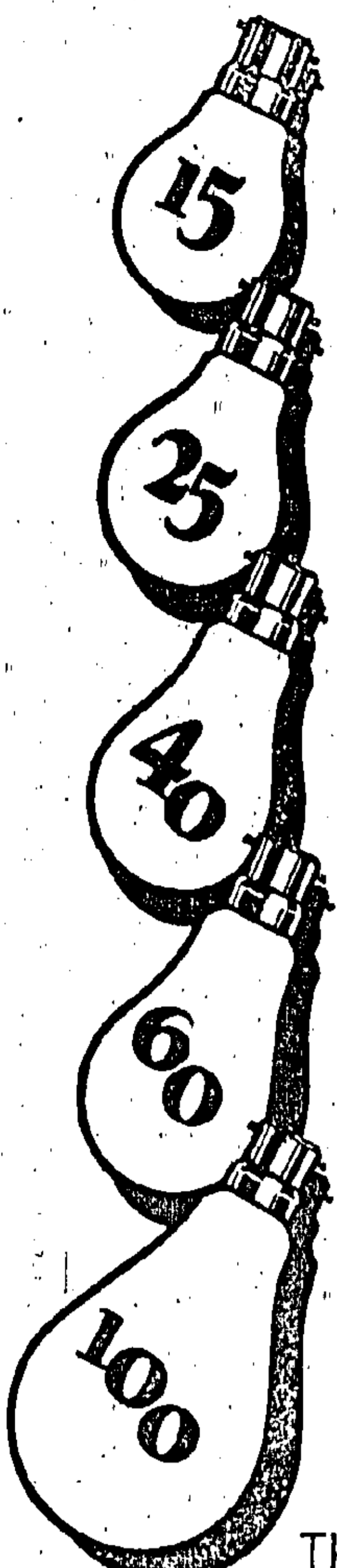
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THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Police Training School.

Classes for Police Reservists will be held as usual on Tuesday, November 27th, and December 4th, at 6.00 p.m.

On the same dates at 5.30 p.m. sharp, instruction will be given in the handling and aiming of revolver.

Chinese Company.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, November 29th, for the monthly inspection of Arms, Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover; Rifle, Belt, Side-arms, Truncheon, Whistle, Armet, Badge, "Pocket Policeman," and Note-Book to be carried. Those not in possession of Uniform will attend in Mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officers will make it a point of being present.

Signalling Squad.—Class for instruction in signalling under Mr. R. C. Willson will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, November 29th, at 6.45 p.m. and Monday, December 3rd, at 6.00 p.m.

Indian Company.

Strength.—Constable R254 O. S. Ismail has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from November 17th. Constables R205 Abdul Aziz and R231 W. M. Mehal are permitted to resign upon completing one full year's service with effect from November 20th.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, December 4th, for drill under Sergeant Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, belt and cap without cover. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, November 27th, Fall in at the Palm-Tsa-Tsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

The next instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, November 29th, and all members are requested to attend. Fall in at Central at 5.15 p.m. Dress—Winter Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver practice will be carried out on Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, December 9th, at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time, with belts and holsters with revolver. Uniform optional.

Winter Uniform.

Members of the Chinese Company and members of other units are warned to get their Winter Uniform ready; those who are not in possession of same will apply to their respective Equipment Officer.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R).
Adjutant.

FANLING GOLF.

THE QUALIFYING ROUND OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The scores given in yesterday's issue of the Jasper Clark Cup and qualifying round of the championship are unofficial, but, on the opening of the box containing the cards, will probably be found to be correct. The name of G. Murray was included in the list, but he completed only in the Jasper Clark Cup and not the championship. This means, therefore, that both Lisaman and Christie, with scores of 175 each, will qualify.

Championship Draw.
The draw of the Championship of the R.H.K.G.C. is as follows:
R. H. Hollis v K. B. Robertson
J. M. Walker v A. E. Lisaman
A. T. Lay v O. E. C. Marion
T. L. Christie v F. J. de Rome
R. K. Valentino v A. B. Stewart
H. H. Lennox v A. H. Ferguson
I. W. Shewan v T. G. Bennett
D. G. G. Macdonald v L. R. Andrews

SNOOKER CONTEST.

YESTERDAY'S GAME SEES CLOSER TUSSELE.

The match last night between F. Jones and H. R. Sequeira in the Palace Hotel snooker championship saw a closer tussle than has previously been the case. Jones won by 103 (33, 37, 81) to 119 (51, 25, 23). The winner had a break of 17.
F. E. Silva got a walk-over from W. H. Woo.
At 6 p.m. to-day, K. K. Leung meets T. Y. Mau; and at 8 p.m. A. Kirby will play R. Hawke.

YEO FORGERY TRIAL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Jenkin:—Enquiry had been made at the Bank as to the wrong debiting of a quarter million dollars?—Yes.

A chit had come back from the Bank with certain numbers. Three of them were Treasury serial numbers. I take it that the first thing that was done was to look up those numbers?—The first thing was to look up the register of cheques and see the payees of those numbers, and it was found that they were entirely different people.

Did you look up the cheque books?—Not at that time. The first thing was to tell Mr. Black to go to the Bank.

Allowance for Errors.

I suppose you make allowance for errors at the Treasury, don't you? You would have turned to the counter of the cheque book?—Yes, they threw any light on the matter. That's all time. The first thing was to get the cheque. I sent Mr. Black to the Bank.

On pressing the point, Mr. Jenkin obtained from witness a reply to the effect that his first order was to get the cheque, and then the stubs were taken into his office. No steps were taken at the Treasury until the cheques came back from the Bank.

Witness, continuing, said he could not say where the cheque stubs were kept in the office, but he knew that they could be got in about fifty seconds, or a minute.

Did it or did it not occur to you to look at the numbers which were obviously bank serial numbers?

No, my first step was to get the cheques.
Mr. Jenkin then informed witness that Mr. Black had said that he took the stubs to the Bank. He asked witness if he saw the cheques on Mr. Black's return.

Witness replied that Mr. Proctor, of the Bank, had the cheques with him.

Telephoned the Police.

Mr. Jenkin:—You knew, as a result of the examination of the cheque register, that it was no good looking for these items under the Treasury serial numbers?—No, what I did was to telephone the police and then I got the stubs and had Mr. Tang in, and then I found from the examination of this cheque book that there appeared to be certain ones missing.

You have gone rather fast for me. I will lead you up to that in due course. I am just on the point now as to when the cheques were brought back. You say that as a result of previous examination you knew that the cheques drawn under the Treasury serial numbers were entirely different?—Different people.

Mr. Jenkin then asked if it was not natural, in order to make the investigation complete, to look at the cheque stubs.

Witness replied that he thought that was done after the cheques came back from the Bank. The stubs were sent for to see what cheques had been drawn. He could not say if he sent Tang for the stubs.

The discovery that the cheques bore the Bank number of the cheques which were missing was made some three or four minutes after Mr. Black's return from the Bank, and witness said it was before Mr. King arrived. Asked if it was before he telephoned for the police at all, witness replied that he should say it was.

Cheque Shortage.

Mr. Jenkin:—Did Tsang On-wing then tell you that he could throw possible light upon this matter because he knew the cover of that book was altered and thirty cheques were short in each?—He said that two cheque books were received from the Bank with thirty cheques short.

Then?—Yes, at that time. I believe he said that the Bank had sent a book short of cheques. It is very hard to remember the exact words, but what I gathered was that the Bank had sent a short book.

Mr. Jenkin:—I put it to you that the whole of the facts were gone into very fully at the time and shortly after the time it had taken place?—I went as far as I could and then I handed it to the police.

This matter was under the closest investigation, was it not during the succeeding days?—Certainly.

Not only did you reconstruct in your mind the statements of the different people, but you made very careful notes and memoranda as to your investigation?—I have no notes at all.

Witness, in answer to the next question, replied that he only made one note and that was that the matter occurred at 5.15 p.m.

Mr. Jenkin assured witness that there was no trap in his question at all. He wanted to know if any substantial notes were made at the time.

Witness replied that he had not made such notes.

Counsel then asked if the reason for that was that witness considered his memory could be relied upon on subsequent dates.

Witness:—Well, I left the matter with the police.

Asked what Tsang had told him at the interview in his office on January 18, Mr. Messer said he could not remember the exact words, but, as far as he could recall, what Tsang said was that cheque books had been sent short from the Bank.

Mr. Jenkin next asked witness whether, if Tsang had said anything about the cover having been tampered with, witness would have had that fixed in his mind.

Witness replied he was not certain it would.

Mr. Jenkin repeated the question, adding "you would have at once ordered that the covers be brought to you if they were found?"—I can't say definitely.

The Governmental Mind.

Counsel once again put the same question remarking "it may be that the legal mind works differently from the Government or commercial mind."

Mr. Jenkin then informed witness that Tsang had given evidence to the effect that the cheque book covers were found at closing time.

"Having told you that, I ask you, did you or did you not, when the cheques were brought to you, send for the covers? I put it to you, that you could not have?"—The whole thing was to get the police on the track.

Witness said that the writing on the cheques was not Tsang On-wing's and at that time he had to get the cheques stopped. He added there was no question of distrust in his mind.

Mr. Jenkin:—I am not discussing whether there was any distrust in your mind and all that. May I put it to you that it is clear that at that interview Tsang said not a word about the covers of the cheque books?—He most certainly did. He said the Bank had sent them short.

Oh, no! Did he say anything about the covers of the book?—I can't say that he did either one way or the other.

If he did and had been frank with you and had told you that for the first time the covers of these two books bore altered numbers, I put it to you that you would have sent for them at once? Is it not obvious?—I don't think it is so obvious.

Witness added that he had been perfectly satisfied with Tsang, still was and nothing would shake it.

Mr. Messer's cross-examination had not concluded at the fifth adjournment.

LAWN BOWLS.

ANNUAL MATCH BETWEEN HONGKONG & KOWLOON.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association last evening, presided over by Mr. B. Wylie, the President, it was decided to hold an annual match between Hongkong and Kowloon. The gift of \$100 made by Mr. Aikenhead, the skip of the last Shanghai Interport team to visit Hongkong, will go towards the purchase of a Shield to be held by the winners, and each of the players taking part will be required to contribute \$1 towards providing souvenirs for the winners. The Shield will be handed over to the senior club in the winning side. The match will be played in Hongkong and Kowloon alternately, the first taking place in Kowloon.

The game will consist of six rinks, the Hongkong Clubs (six in number) providing a rink each and the Kowloon clubs (four) one and a half, which means that there will be twenty-four players on each side. Players' qualification will not be residential but Club membership.

A Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Massey (Civil Service), Chairman, Sousa (Club de Recreio), Rumliah (Craigengower) and Fraser (Kowloon C. C.) was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

It was decided that tea be provided for ladies only and that a collection be taken up on behalf of St. Dunstan's.

Among other business dealt with was the question of the revision of the Association rules and by-laws and it was decided to call a General Committee meeting sometime in December for the purpose of appointing a Sub-Committee to go into the matter.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. TEAMS FOR THIS WEEK'S MATCHES.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in a hockey match against the Club de Recreio to-day: D. Harvey; E. R. Robinson, A. C. Jeffries; A. J. Ashby, F. Allen, E. O. Murphy; F. Mann, V. Petherick, F. R. Ashton, R. Murray, T. Price. Reserve, V. M. Haat. The Y.M.C.A. second team to meet the K.O.S.B. Sergeants on Thursday will be as follows: W. Borrowman; V. M. Haat, F. S. W. Smith; E. G. Sowell, V. Petherick, W. H. Smith; A. Tate, G. Mitchell, T. Seddon, W. E. Price, W. McIntyre. Reserve, J. M. Purvis.

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Finally she becomes engaged to CRAIG NEWHALL, a wealthy and desirable bachelor, but—sure of her love—she takes a trip to Cuba with MABEL BLAKE, a social worker. Before sailing she promises Craig a decision on her return. At the time she is fearfully upset because of the death of her father and the subsequent marriage of her brother, TAD, to VALERIE WEST, a girl whom Sybil instinctively dislikes. On shipboard she meets Eustis, who woos her madly, and finally sweeps her into an impetuous marriage. On their wedding night, in the morning, threatens to leave him. A reconciliation takes place, however. Richard is alternately charming and repulsive. Until at last Sybil determines to leave him.

CHAPTER XX.

Sybil hit the tip of her pen holder, and drew her brows together. Then, dipping the pen resolutely, she began to write rapidly: "Dear Richard,"

For a moment she considered the salutation. Then, drawing her pen brusquely, she crossed it out, and, after it, as though suddenly determined, scrawled rapidly, one after the other as if they flowed of their own accord from a suddenly voluble pen.

Dear Richard,

There are some things a woman cannot stand—not even if she loves the man who hurts her. And I am beginning to wonder, Rich, if I ever did love you.

The scene in the foyer tonight was horrible. I had rather die than spend another night with you—like this. Two weeks—and every other night of them hell!

I am going to Mabel now. I suppose when you wake up, and sober off, you will try to find me. I hope that we will be on the way home by then. If we cannot get passage immediately, I can only beg that you will leave me alone. I wish these weeks might be like a closed chapter in a book one could lay away—and try to forget.

Please, Rich—if you love me—be kind. Mabel will keep our secret, if only you'll let it be a secret.

Good-bye.

She blotted it without reading it. Locked the trunk, and put the key in her bag.

"I'll send for it," she decided, "in the morning."

Deliberately she powdered her nose, and touched her cheek and lips with rouge, topped for a moment to spray black nail polish from her little enamelled atomizer, and buffed her nails vigorously, while she surveyed her recumbent husband. There were so many things about him she had learned to dislike.

"Drunk or sober," she reflected dismally.

But it was liquor that made him altogether impossible. At first he became stupidly sleepy. Then, when she roused him, he grew amorous. And that was worse. Oh, much worse!

She shuddered as he exhaled a noisy breath. Turning her back squarely, she walked from the room without a backward glance.

Mabel and Mr. Moore, at their favourite cafe, were sipping aperitifs when Sybil found them.

"Well, well!" boomed Moore, "here comes the bride!" and his large sunburned hand devoured hers warmly.

He was a big man with merry blue eyes and a pink bald spot. When Sybil heard he had played football at Harvard in 1907, she reflected that college athletes 20 years after Commencement all look alike.

"Hello, people," she greeted them serenely. "May I have a cocktail, too?"

"Why, sure. Delighted," Moore beamed. "Two's a company and three's a crowd, if it was anybody but you. But sit right down. We've great news for you."

Mabel was smiling self-consciously.

"You'd never guess would you, Sib?" she bantered. "The way Jack's cringing like a Cheshire cat. Sit down, Jack. We're getting married, Sib. That makes it unanimous. You and me both."

She laughed triumphantly. "Isn't he precious, Sib? I don't care if he is bald, and a trifle aldermanic."

He's his Mabel's blessed sweetie!"

"Mabel Blake, have you been drinking?"

"No, honey, I'm only delicious with joy." There were tears in Mabel's eyes. "Honest," she choked, "I never was so happy in all my life."

"I'm pretty glad myself," chorused Moore, moist and joyous. "She's a great little girl, Mabel is."

Sybil rallied desperately. "You bet she is, Jack!" she cried. "And I hope with all my heart you'll be happy as the day is long."

"As happy," cried Moore, "as you two are!" and he called for cocktails, to drink a toast.

"Where's Rich?" asked Mabel.

"Over at the hotel—lying down."

"He's not sick, is he?"

"Well, he didn't look very well when I left him."

Mabel looked at her sharply.

"Sib," she said, "Rich is drinking too much. You oughtn't to let him."

"Let him! Anybody'd think I fed them to him. You know perfectly well, Mabel Blake, that I've done nothing but beg and scold ever since we were married. Let him! As if I could stop him!"

"But I'm through now. I've left him. I've fed him aspirin all I'm going to. I've bathed his head ten million times. And taken off his shoes every night. I've been with him. I've fanned him till my arm ached. I-I-I've undressed him. And put him to bed. And stood for his drunken loveliness."

She ran the back of her hand fiercely across her mouth, and shuddered, whimpering—"Now I'm through."

Her voice ended in a little moan, and her head pitched forward on the table. Sybil had fainted.

They put cold cloths on her head, and forced whisky between her lips. And, almost before she could sit up, they began to argue—to beg and to reason.

"Oh, please," she besought them, "please—please!"

Then Mabel took her hand, and, sitting beside her, began to plead. "You can't," she insisted, "duck marriage like that. You are Richard's wife now. And you've got to stick. For better, or worse, you promised, Sib."

"Give him another chance," besought Jack. "He's simply gone off his head. Liquor hits some men like that. You've brought him to his senses now. Don't be a quitter, little girl. Your husband needs you more than anyone ever needed you before. Straightening him out is the job you've bargained for."

Wearily Sybil fought.

"But you're only thinking about him! How about me? Don't I count? I can't go back to Rich. I can't. How can I—and keep my own self respect?"

And when Mabel talked of duty, she stared out, angrily.

But in the end they and their way. It was a chastened little bride they led back to the hotel.

"We'll go up with you," offered Mabel.

"I feel," spluttered Sybil, "like a down-trodden old scrub woman."

The room was dimly disordered. Richard's things tossed about. The beds upset. Empty bottles around. Every window shade at a different slant. Someone had put on the lights, and switched on an electric fan.

Rich lay sprawled as she had left him. Sleeping noisily.

"There's my note," said Sybil, "where I left it."

"You girls go downstairs," suggested Moore; and Mabel glared at the competent way he assumed charge. "I'll wake him, and give him a good talking to. Sib, I show him that note of yours. He'll go as far as you like," she countered listlessly. "Tell him my trunk's packed. And you might mention that I'd never have come back if it hadn't been for you and Mabel."

In the lobby the girls sat side by side.

"Well, Mabel, why don't you say 'I told you so'?"

"Sh, dear. Don't talk like that."

"Well, you were right. You told me I'd be sorry."

"I know, honey. But that doesn't help matters now."

In miserable silence they watched the happy throngs along the Prado.

"Tell me, dear," Mabel's voice was very gentle, "don't you love Rich any more?"

Sybil shrugged. "Oh, I don't know."

She pondered listlessly. "I don't believe it's love. I don't believe it ever was. You'd think, wouldn't you, that a girl like me wouldn't have been so easily fooled? Rich, by his own admission, could love a hundred other women. The world's full of them, he says. Girls with 'bodies as lovely and brains as keen.' I know where his own words, Mabel. Any girl of my type, he declares, could satisfy him. God Almighty, why did I marry him!"

Presently Moore came down.

(To Be Continued.)

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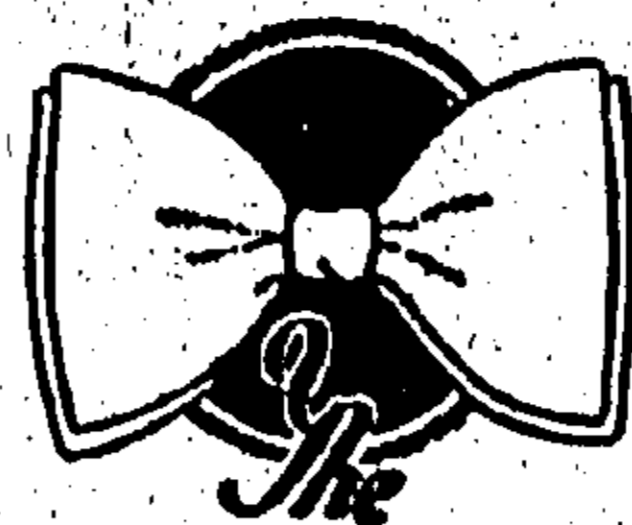
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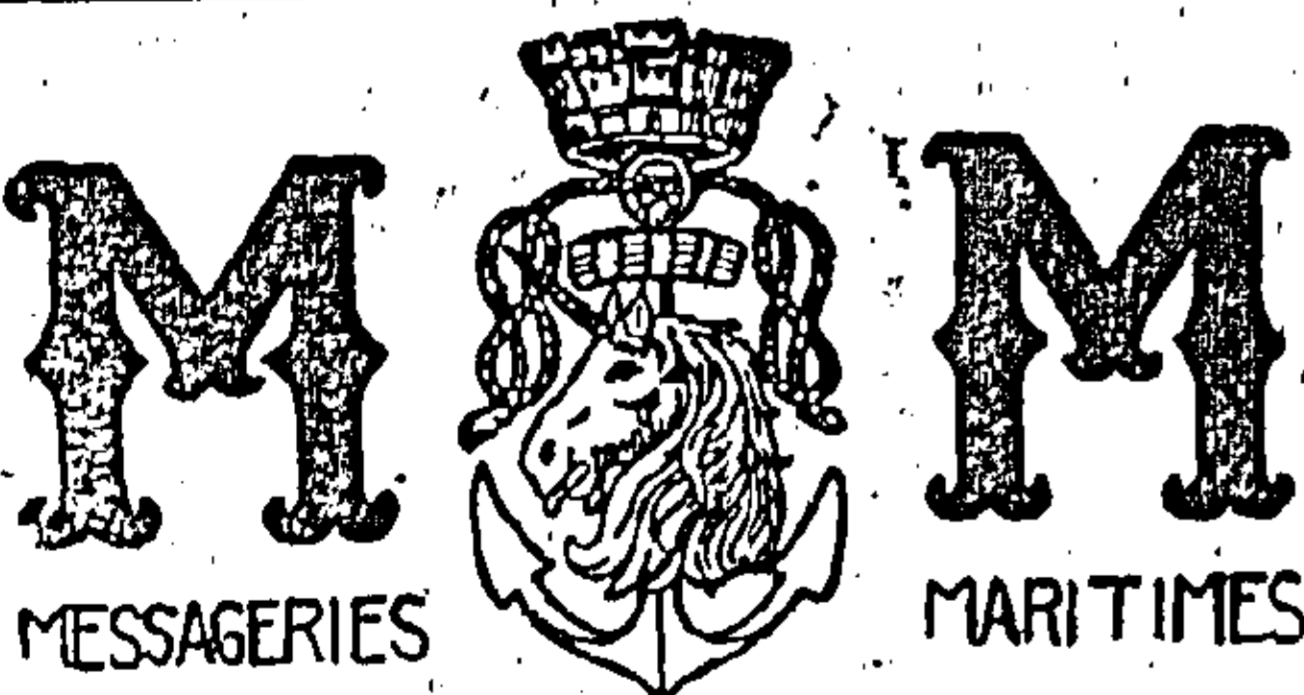
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BISHOP AND ROMAN CATHOLICS.

DR. HEADLAM REPLIES TO ATTACKS.

The Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. Headlam, boldly defends himself in his Diocesan Magazine for November (published recently) against the attacks made on him by English Roman Catholics as a result of his remarks in the Presidential Address which he delivered to the recent Church Congress at Cheltenham.

In that address Dr. Headlam explained that it had not been possible to invite members of the Roman Catholic Church to the Congress in consequence of the attitude they adopted towards the question of reunion.

He added that it was well known that there were many of them in all countries who were dissatisfied with the tyranny of the Roman Curia and the intolerant attitude it adopts towards modern thought, and that the Malines Conversations were evidence that there were Roman Catholics who would be glad to confer with the Anglican Church.

"I am afraid (he writes in the magazine) these words have been received by some members of the Roman Church with the most violent criticism. In fact, I have seldom read anything more bitter than the denunciations of the Church of England and myself which I have seen in some Roman Catholic periodicals lately. I am afraid that such unrestrained criticism only convinces me of the truth of what I have said, and I have a good deal more testimony of the truth of my remarks."

Roman Catholic's Letter.

"Here is an extract from a letter that I received:

"With reference to your remarks made at the recent Church Congress upon the tyranny of the Roman Curia, or rather, as you more aptly call it, the Italian Curia, I write to say that I as a born and baptised member of the Roman Church, am in full accord with what you said."

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4—The order of letters cannot be changed. One solution is printed on another page.

The tyranny of the Curia is getting out of all bounds and fast approaching that of the Curia in the days of Avignon and the Middle Ages."

Dr. Headlam adds that he had considerable evidence of great dissatisfaction felt in Germany at the refusal to allow any Roman Catholic to contribute to the periodical "Una Sancta" and to the refusal to take part in the conference of Lusanne. "I do not feel that there was anything in my criticism which was not perfectly true," he concludes, "nor that I said anything in it in an offensive way. We regret very much that the aspirations after Christian unity which we have come across in many places in the Roman Catholic Church should be so vigorously suppressed."

THRONE GIVEN UP FOR WIFE.

RAJAH AND LOVELY AUSTRALIAN.

New Delhi, Nov. 1.

One of the most vexed questions of Indian succession has been decided by the appointment, announced to-day, of a new ruler in the State of Pudukota, Madras Presidency.

The Government of India has selected Rajah Gopala Tondaiman to succeed to the gadi (throne) of the State. The new Rajah, who is a minor, belongs to the branch of the Tondaiman family represented by the descendants of Tirumalai Raya Tondaiman.

The Rajah of Pudukota died in the American Hospital in Paris in May last at the age of 52. He will be remembered as the ruler who gave up his throne for his wife, a lovely Australian woman named Miss Molly Fink.

Miss Fink, the daughter of the late Dr. Wolfe Fink, was married to the Rajah at Melbourne in August 1915, and the couple made their entry into the capital of Pudukota in the following November, amid a fairy-tale setting of jewelled elephants and cavalry clad in gold and silver.

The Rajah and his bride sat in a State landau drawn by four horses decked in silver and followed by retainers carrying swords.

That evening nautch girls entertained them, and the women of the palace paid homage to the new Rajah.

A son was born in 1916, and the mother and father were heartbroken when told by the Government of India that a son, not of pure blood, could not be allowed to succeed.

It was then that the Rajah decided to give up his throne and live in Australia and Europe. He spent much of his time in London, where he and his wife were well known in society.

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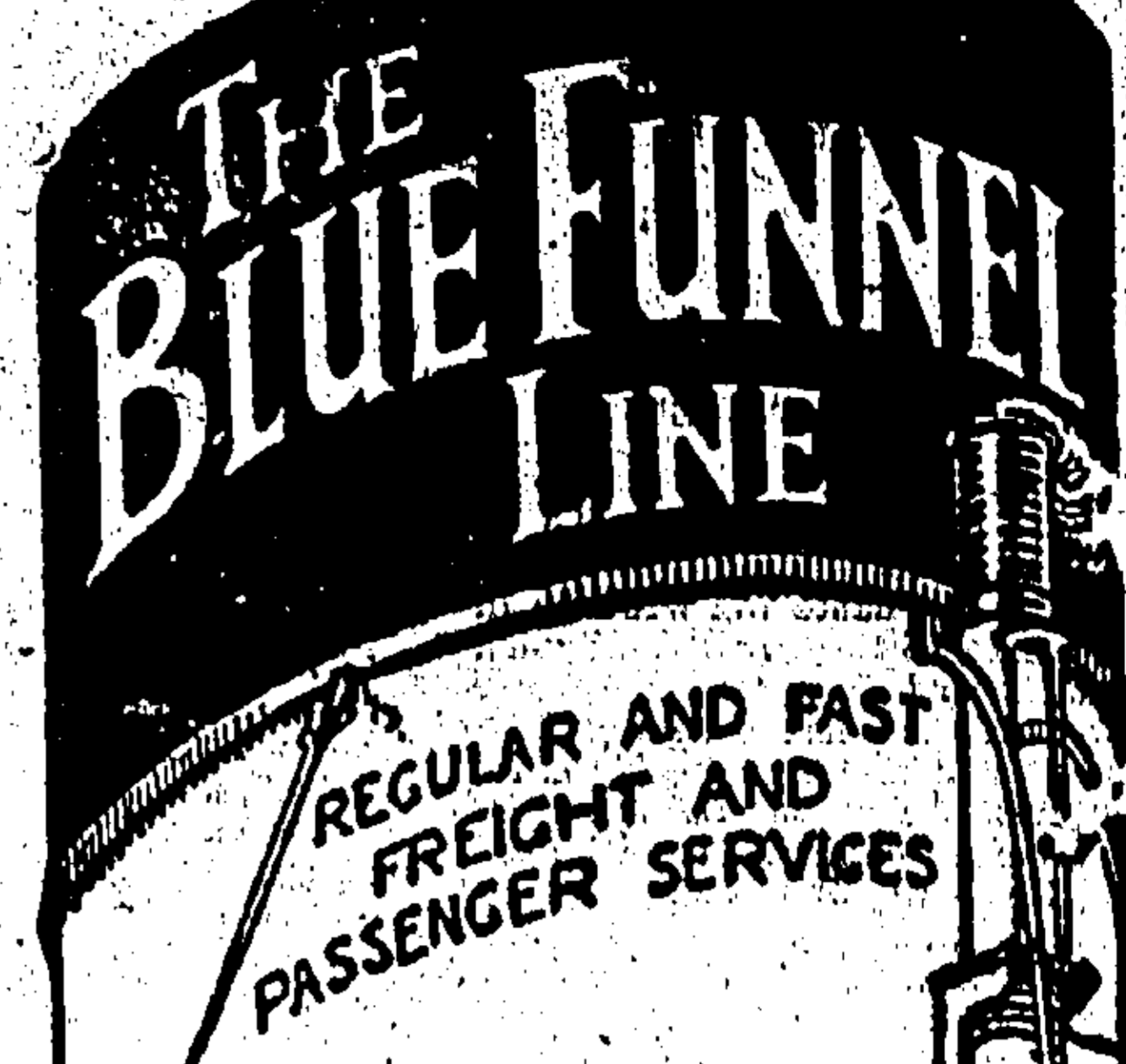
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AN ARMED ROBBERY.

TEN-MEN RAID A MATSHED IN NEW TERRITORIES.

Ten robbers armed with electric torches and sticks broke into a matshed in the early hours of yesterday morning at Tsun Wan, New Territories, and thoroughly looted the place, making good their escape with booty of clothing and money to the extent of \$27.40. There were four inmates at the house, three men and one woman, and the robbers threatened their lives if they should raise an alarm. Two male occupants put up a severe struggle with the desperadoes, but were overpowered and one of them was wounded by the robbers in the hand, while the other man was knocked to the ground unconscious. Having subdued and tied up all the occupants, the thieves searched the house at ease before taking to their heels. It was not until after dawn that all the victims freed themselves and reported the outrage to the Tsun Wan police. So far no arrests have been effected.

LAND SALE.

UNEXPECTED COMPETITION FOR MONGKOKTSUI LOT.

Contrary to expectation, Crown land put up for auction at the P.W.D. yesterday, attracted quite a fair number of bidders who were in competition and thus raised the price nearly \$700 above the upset.

The lot in question was Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2166, adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1784, in Sai Yeung Choi Street, Mongkok, containing an area of approximately 1,054 square feet at an annual Crown Rental of \$12 and held for a term of 75 years, with a sale clause for the expenditure of \$3,000 in rateable improvements within 24 months. The upset price was \$1,680 and at this figure the sale opened with bids of \$50 acceptable. Calls were regular and brisk at the minimum to \$1,930, when a \$70 bid brought the price to the even \$2,000. Thereafter \$50 bids were received up to \$2,200, the lot being knocked down at this figure to Mr. J. Scholke, of 28 Argyle Street.

A MIXED CLUB.

YOUNG PEOPLE REJECT PROPOSED ORGANISATION.

By the narrowest possible margin, the motion that a young people's club with membership open to both sexes be substituted for the present St. Peter's Young Men's Club, was defeated last night, when Mr. J. C. L. Wong and Mrs. A. E. Matthews unsuccessfully championed the proposal. The proposition was taken by Mr. A. E. Lea and Mr. T. Lamb. The proposition pointed out the invaluable assistance the women had rendered to the St. Peter's Club, and advocated the formation of a young people's organisation. The present club, it was claimed, was not self-sufficient and did not supply the need of the community. For the opposition it was argued that the time was not opportune for a young people's club such as that suggested. The second contention of Mr. Lea was that coming as it did from the men, the motion was insincere, while, he further argued, the ladies themselves did not want a club open to both sexes. After several speakers had added their views, the motion was defeated by eight votes to seven.

JUNK PIRACY CASE.

CHINESE OFFICIAL GIVES EVIDENCE.

Further evidence was taken yesterday afternoon in the case in which a Chinese is being charged with piracy on the high seas. It will be recalled that at the previous hearings it was alleged that the defendant was one of a group of six pirates who attacked a fishing junk and besides stealing a boat load of fish, marooned the master and passengers.

Mr. C. J. Thomson of the Harbour Office gave evidence as to the locality of the piracy and stated that from the position indicated to him by witnesses in the case the piracy must have occurred in Chinese waters. Witness produced an Admiralty chart to indicate the position pointed out to him. The charge was altered yesterday to one of piracy on the high seas.

An interesting witness is the head of the Scouts of Wanchai (near Macao) who related the circumstances under which the defendant was arrested in Wanchai last year. The fishing boat master brought him to the witness one morning and accused him of piracy. Witness later had four other pirates arrested and duly handed them over to the local police.

The pirated junk was found derelict at a place called Ha Chak. Its valuable cargo of fish (said to be worth \$2,000) had then been removed. The junk was in such a condition that the owner decided to leave it without attempt to salvage it.

The master of the fishing junk, recalled into the witness box, in answer to a question by the defendant denied that he stole any fish belonging to the defendant some three months before the piracy.

One question put to him by the defendant was as to what had become of the crew of the pirated craft. Witness replied that four of them had given evidence in the case and the fifth had gone back to his country.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday next.

A FOSSIL REPTILE.

REMARKABLE FIND IN WARWICKSHIRE.

London, Nov. 26. The fossilized remains of a large prehistoric reptile have been unearthed at Harbury, Warwickshire, and are being broken into sections for removal this week to the Natural History Museum at South Kensington. The specimen is remarkable among English Ichthyosaurs for its unusual size and exceptionally good state of preservation. The remains, which weigh about two tons, will be broken into about twelve sections, and reconstructed under expert supervision.—British Wireless.

FAMINE RELIEF.

BIG CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DISTRESSED AREAS.

Peking, Nov. 26. Various Manchurian organisations are contributing a million dollars for the relief of distress, Peking and Fengtien are contributing half a million, and Helungkiang and Kirin a quarter of a million each. Probably grain and clothing will be sent, and not actual cash.—Reuter.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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The Steamship, "GARRET" having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the China Provision Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 30th November, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th November, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Godard & Douglas. Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE, Agents.

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MAIDEN TRIP OF NEW RIVER STEAMER.

The new s.s. Chuen Chow of the Chuen On Steamship Company left port for Macao on Saturday on her maiden trip and returned yesterday forenoon, reporting an excellent performance in all departments and completing the trip from the Portuguese colony at a speed of over 12 knots.

The vessel was built at the Kwong Fook Cheong shipyard in Shamshuipo and is in every way a credit to the designers and constructors. Similar in structure to the Sai On and Tung On, although a smaller vessel, she is a steel twin screw steamer of 1,033 gross tonnage, with a length 177 feet, beam 33 feet and depth 11.5 feet. The engines are by J. Nelson and Son of Glasgow, her propelling equipment being two multiple Scotch boilers, developing 98 N.H.P. for a designed speed of 13 knots.

With accommodation for 800 passengers, of which 35 are first class, the ship is comparatively luxurious for the trade she is now engaged in. Single and double berth cabins have oscillating fans, wash basins and overhead diffused lighting. There are bath rooms for both first and second class travellers also.

The lounge on the upper deck is paneled in dark oak and a "grand" staircase leads to the dining saloon, and cabins, the alleyways and stairs being carpeted in agreeable colours. The vessel was well patronised on Saturday and she left with a heavy cargo, but although freight was not so high on the return trip, she was almost fully booked up to passengers. Captain T. Jones is the master, Mr. J. Samerville, the Chief Officer and Mr. J. Heggam, the Chief Engineer.

CHINA AND NORWAY.

TEXT OF THE NEW TREATY PUBLISHED.

Shanghai, Nov. 26. The text of the new Sino-Norwegian Treaty is published. It shows that it was signed by Dr. Wang and Mr. Aal on November 12.

The treaty annuls all the tariff provisions appearing in the treaties hitherto concluded and in force, between the two countries, and grants the principle of complete national tariff autonomy subject to most-favoured-nation clauses.—Reuter.

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THE PRINCE'S BAG.

SHOOT FIVE LIONS DURING AFRICAN TOUR.

Dar-es-Salaam, Nov. 26. The Prince of Wales's tour from Arusha to Dodoma has been very successful.

He bagged five lions at Babati, the largest measuring 8 feet 8 inches from tip of nose to tail.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page. SHIP, SLIP, SLID, SAID, SAIL.

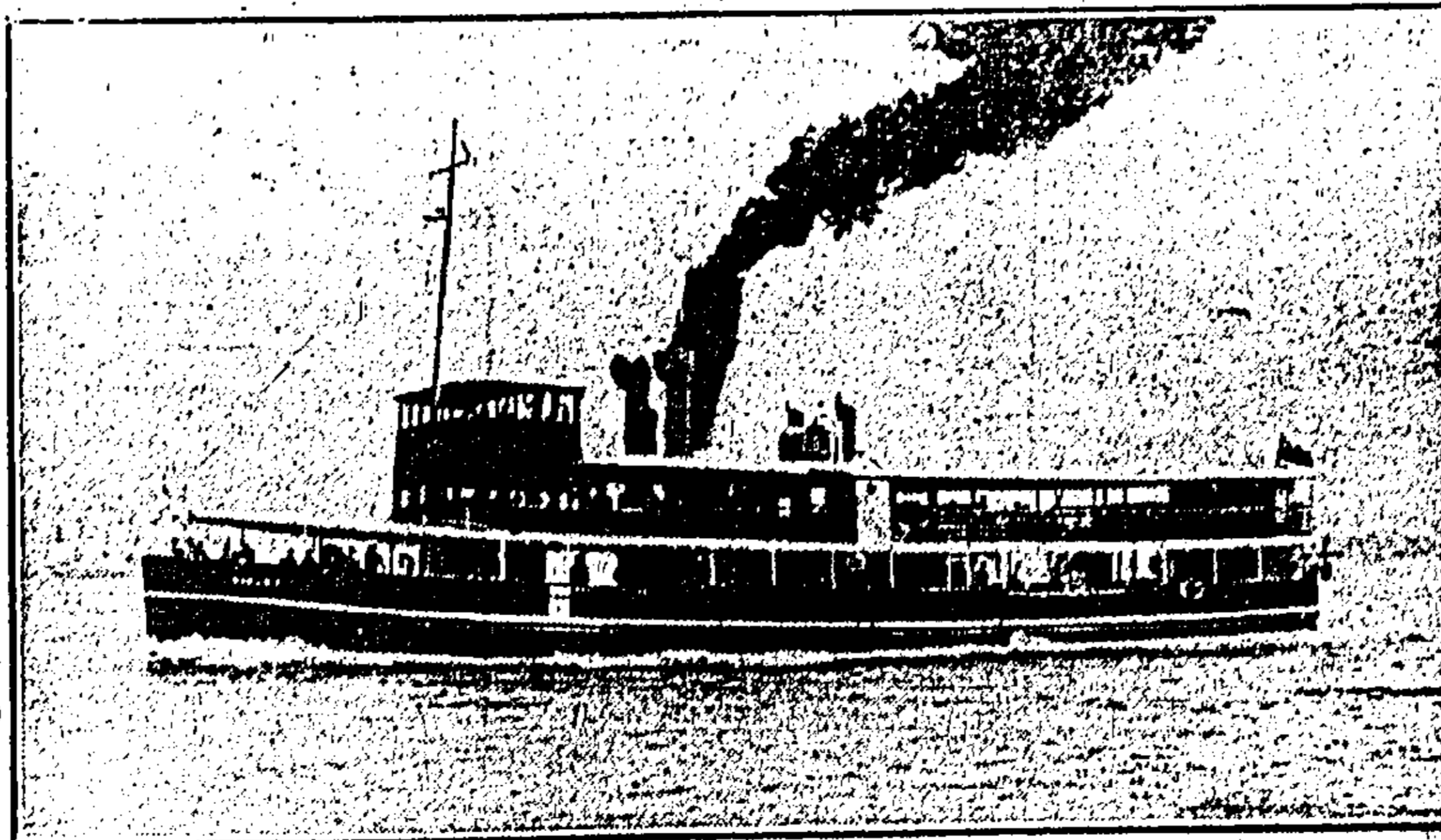
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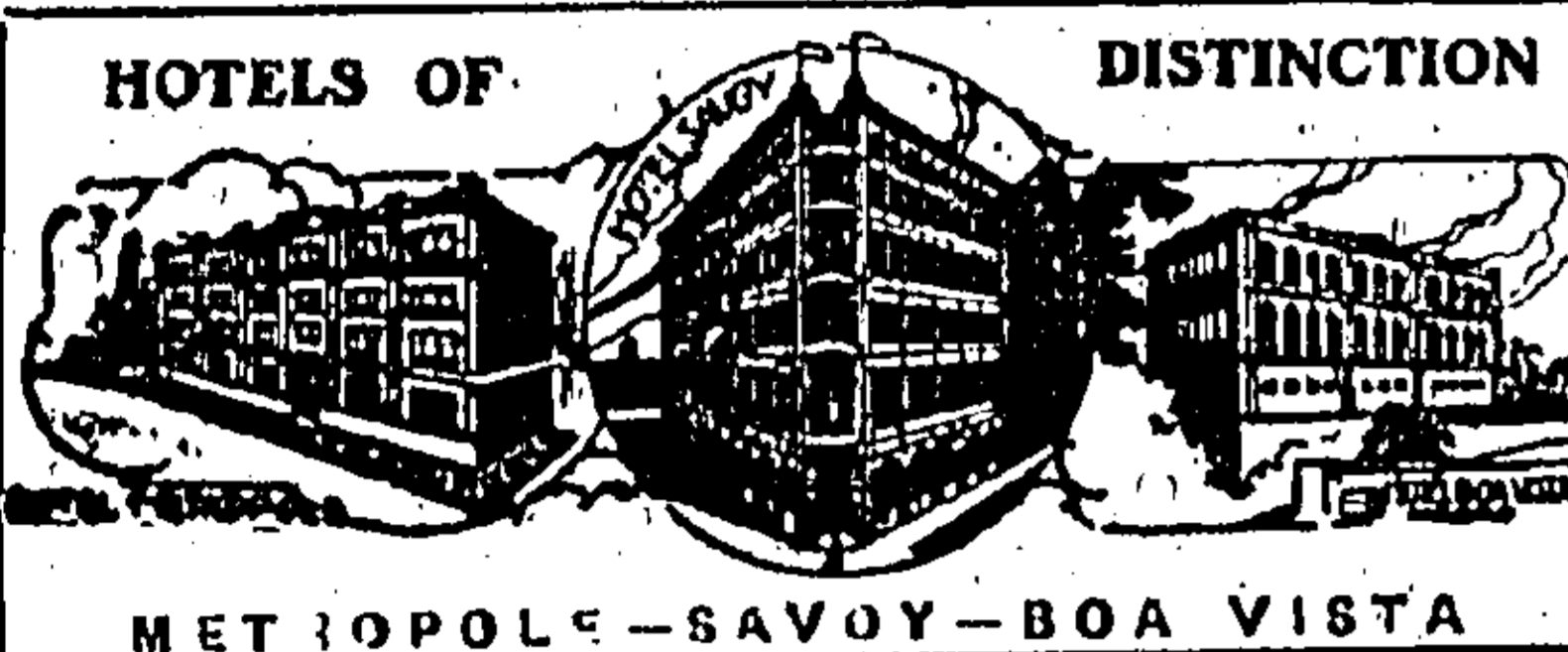
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BIG FINANCIAL VOTES.

MANY FOR COUNCIL MEETING.

KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL TO BE TRANSFERRED.

DEMAND FOR METERS.

Twenty-three financial votes, totalling \$147,732, are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon for the purpose of meeting supplementary expenditure.

One of the most interesting of these is a sum of \$13,000 for the conversion of "Parkside," a Government house formerly allotted as a residence to the Manager of the Railway, for school purposes.

It is explained that in view of the intended reoccupation by the military authorities early in 1929 of the Gun Club Hill premises at present used for the Kowloon Junior School, it is proposed to remove the school to "Parkside." No other premises are available and it is therefore necessary to carry out the work this year, as the school reopens in January.

Death Gratuities.

Another interesting item relates to death gratuities, for which a sum of \$7,050 is asked.

In the case of the late Mr. M. J. D. Alves, formerly of the Imports and Exports Department, who died in September after 20½ years' service, it is proposed to pay his widow the equivalent of one year's salary, less the amount of pension drawn. The sum required is \$2,649.59.

In the case of the late Mr. R. C. Witcheil, Senior Sanitary Inspector, who died in October after 28 years' service, it is proposed to pay his estate the equivalent of one year's salary (\$440) which comes to \$4,400.

More Meters Needed.

A sum of \$12,500 is to be asked for to purchase and install additional water meters in Kowloon. These meters produce revenue, and to date 675 new meters have been fixed in Kowloon this year, as against a total of 506 and 582 in 1926 and 1927 respectively.

There are 200 applications at present and further applications are received almost daily. The vote now asked for will enable a further 250 meters to be supplied and fixed.

Hongkong Waterworks.

To meet maintenance charges for the waterworks in the City and Hill District to the end of the year, a sum of \$25,000 is requested.

This additional expenditure is largely due to increased pumping and general charges necessitated by the inadequate rainfall this year.

General maintenance charges also have been considerably higher, owing to the long period of restriction necessitating considerable renewals of Rider Mains which are now getting very old. Street Fountains, which have not been in operation since 1923, also required reconditioning before they could be brought back into operation.

Other Items.

Of the other items, mention may be made of \$1,338 for providing upholstered second-class coaches on the express through trains to Canton, and a sum of \$70 for rent of a ground floor as a branch post office at Kowloon City, where the rapid urbanisation of the district calls for improved postal facilities.

Another item shows that the Government intends taking over the grab dredger from the Praya East reclamation work, no tenders for its purchase being received. A vote for \$9,949 is asked for this purpose.

PICKETS BUSY IN TIENTSIN.

JAPANESE GOODS SEIZED FROM SHOPS.

Tientsin, Nov. 26. Renewed activity by the Anti-Japanese Society's picketing corps has occurred in many quarters of the city during the past few days.

Large quantities of Japanese products have been seized by pickets from Chinese shops; with the result that some of the victimised traders having suffered heavy loss had to suspend business.

It is understood from a reliable source that the Chinese Municipal Government intends to curb the movement with a view to assisting the merchants.

FRENCH VIEWS ON GERMAN NOTE.

REPARATIONS COMMISSION TO APPOINT EXPERTS?

TREATY PROVISIONS.

Paris, Nov. 26. The French Cabinet after a long discussion of the German Note on reparations requesting the Powers to appoint independent experts not bound by any fixed instructions, has proposed that as the Treaty of Versailles provides that all reparations questions shall concern the Reparations Commission, the latter shall be invited by the Allied Governments to designate the Committee of Experts to finally settle the problem.

The Reparations Commission will request the German member attached to the Commission to designate the German experts, and it will also decide whether to invite the United States to participate in the meetings of the Committee.

It is considered that the experts, when appointed, are unlikely to meet before January.

London, Nov. 26. The German Memorandum, which was handed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, has been subject to a preliminary examination, and no difficulties having been revealed, the way is now clear for an answer to be concerted among the Powers concerned.—British Wireless.

TREATY MAKING IN EMPIRE.

ALL GOVERNMENTS ARE ASKED THEIR VIEWS.

S. AFRICA & GERMANY.

London, Nov. 26. Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for the Dominions, was asked in the House of Commons to-day whether in the case of the recent trade Treaty between the Union of South Africa and Germany any prior consultations with this country took place.

Mr. Amery replied that the Government in Great Britain equally with the Government of the Dominions, was notified by the Government of South Africa of their intentions, and asked to express its views, in the manner contemplated by the Imperial Conference of 1926, and was subsequently kept informed of the progress of the negotiations.

The whole position to-day was that no one Government of the Empire restrained any other Government of the Empire, but all Governments of the Empire, if they undertook anything that might have a reaction on the others, informed them in case they had views to express.—British Wireless.

NEW OIL EXPORT ASSOCIATION.

STANDARD OIL CO. TO BE MEMBERS.

New York, Nov. 26. The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey announces that a Standard Oil Export Corporation has been formed to handle the export business of five operating subsidiaries of the New Jersey Company.

This step is preparatory to the formation of a General Oil Export Association under the Webb Act, in which the new Standard Oil concern will be eligible for membership.—Reuter's American Service.

ATTACK ON SHANGHAI DRAG HUNTS.

AIMED AT EMBARRASSMENT OF GEN. WARDROP.

Shanghai, Nov. 27. The vernacular newspapers contain long accounts of alleged destruction by foreigners on drag hunts, and state that farmers are protesting against the damage of the crops and are petitioning for a cessation of the drag-hunts and paper-chasing races.

The reports are grossly exaggerated, in order, it is believed, to embarrass General Wardrop and other members of the Shanghai Defence Force who participate in the hunts.—Our Own Correspondent.

The S.S. Hosang, of the Indo-China Navigation Company, which returned to harbour after striking a submerged object when en route to Swatow, has been taken in hand for examination at the Kowloon Docks.

LAHORE INCIDENT ACCUSATIONS.

LAJPAT RAI'S DEATH RENEWS ATTACK.

INDIA OFFICE DISPELS ANY DOUBTS IN COMMONS.

POLICE FORCED TO ACT

London, Nov. 26. The allegations of unprovoked violence by the police at Lahore at the end of last month when the Simon Commission were greeted on arrival by a hostile demonstration, have been renewed as the result of the sudden death of Lala Lajpat Rai, the Punjab boycott leader, and the subject was mentioned in the House of Commons to-day.

The Secretary for India was asked a series of questions regarding the circumstances of the death of Lajpat Rai, with particular reference to the accusations of the agitator's friends that his death resulted from blows delivered by a police officer on the occasion of the public demonstration at Lahore.

Illegal Processions.

Lord Winterton, the Under-Secretary for India, replied that two enquiries had since been held into the incidents at Lahore, which arose out of an illegal procession forbidden by the police.

The Secretary for India had received the reports of the enquiries and was satisfied that no more force than necessary was used to prevent the crowds from breaking through the barricades.

No Deliberate Attack.

He was satisfied that there was no deliberate and unprovoked attack by the police, and that no individual was singled out for assault.

No evidence had been adduced to show that Lala Lajpat Rai's death was due to blows received from the police. The Punjab leader died on November 17th, nineteen days after the incident, and death was attributed to heart failure.—British Wireless.

Defiance of Orders.

The trouble at Lahore developed from a defiance of prohibitory orders against processions. Boycotters in considerable numbers, headed by Lala Lajpat Rai approached the station, and when held back by a force of barbed wire, indulged in the usual form of demonstration, flaunting black flags, and shouting derogatory remarks.

The police eventually were forced to charge the crowd with lathis and a number of the demonstrators received injuries, including Lajpat Rai.

Statement at the Time.

Two statements were afterwards issued by Lajpat Rai, the leader of the National Party in the Assembly, and Maulana Kasuri, the President of the so-called All Parties Committee on the situation arising out of the Commission's arrival at Lahore.

The former said the attack by the police on the people was absolutely unprovoked and unwarranted and it was led by the Superintendent of Police himself. Lala said that "happily the lathi blows did not fall very heavily on him." The blows on his chest fell just over the heart region and caused a bruise resulting in slight fever and swellings. Lala Lajpat Rai added that the same police officials assaulted Razada Hansraj, M.L.C., Dr. Gopichand and Dr. Satyapal.

Maulana Kasuri said Razada Hansraj bled profusely from his thumb and his shirt and shawl were spotted by blood stains.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL VON SCHEER.

GLORIOUS TRIBUTE BY PRESIDENT.

Berlin, Nov. 26. The death is announced of Admiral von Scheer, at the age of 65 years.

The Admiral died from heart failure whilst on a journey from Dresden to Mannheim.

President von Hindenburg, in a message of sympathy to the Admiral's daughter, says that he will always honour the memory of the glorious leader of the German Navy, whose name will live in history in connexion with the Battle of Jutland.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 26. The British Admiralty have sent their condolences to the German naval authorities on the death of Admiral von Scheer.—British Wireless.

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